

Hardley April 8th 1830 - Annual Fast.

This is the season which were since I first made
a profession of religion, I have observed as an occasion
of renewing my covenant with God thro' his Son.
I have abundant cause to look back upon my
life with the most heartfelt gratitude - as well
as the deepest repentance - shame and confession of
sins belong unto me for all my sins - having for so
many years been a member of Christ's church, why
have I not brought forth some fruit? - I had hoped to
have seen in my own family some fruit - & I hoped
when I first had children that they might all be
trained up for God and employed in his service -
but alas I am too little regard to eternal things -
and tho' blessed be the Lord, they are none of them
openly profligate, yet I have ardently & I long
to have Christ formed within them the hopes of glory
to have the love of God shed abroad in their hearts
and influencing all their conduct - to this end I
earnestly entreat the assistance of the Spirit, that
I may instruct them diligently and faithfully - and
for their purpose with thine help me now more
to consecrate myself to thee to be employed in
thy service I desire to feel myself wholly thine -
may the solemnity of this transaction be so
important to my mind as to preserve me from sin
and lead and assist me in duty - life is fast wearing
away, last February I was fifty one - old age is hasten-
ing in death or both - be pleased to make me some-
what of thy covenant-faithfulness that I may at all
times rejoice in it - Father of mercies I am thine
blessed Saviour I am thine for those and the
Father art gone - & that I might by thine not
mercies by thine gift, but in every act of my life to
the glory of God - thine my advocate and intercessor Jesus Christ -
Elizabeth W. Thompson

Annual Fast. Hawley April 4th 1833. Since the last record on
this paper, I have perished two beloved children; and I have
taken leave of them, till we meet in the more immediate
presence of God and the Lamb. Thanks be to God for the
ground of hope which we are allowed to entertain that
they sleep in Jesus, and that ere long, we may
— with celestial welcome greet,

On an immortal shore.
How mercifully is every thing arranged. In recalling
the actions and dispositions of our departed friends, how
natural is it to dwell upon those which were amiable
and lovely and of good report; and how does it stimulate
us to all virtues; with what ardour do we strive to
follow their example wherein soever they followed Christ
and endeavour to transplant into our hearts and
lives, all that endeared them to us while here, aye a
little while, and ~~our~~ probation will close. Solemn
thoughts! and what remains to be done? Often and
solemnly have I consecrated myself to my Creator,
and this season has again returned, and find me in
a state of comfortable health, raised out from the
darkness of despair, to the glorious hopes of a child
of God. I would ask myself, if it is all a delusion
and can only answer God for it— Search me O God &
prove my ways, try me and know my thoughts, and
if there be any wicked way allowed in me, and lead
me in the way everlasting. — But what a change
has taken place in our family within a few years.
The stroke (deadly indeed it was and distressing) has
removed our beloved Father from us, seemed to be
lifted from the dead to our surviving children. It seems
to bring home to the heart, all the instructions to
which they had ever attended, and gave a reality

and man, to the invisible world, which perhaps
they had never before felt. All our children except-
ing I - who is yet young - have joined themselves
to the Lord, as I hope in an everlasting covenant
never to be forgetting, and he seems to have a
solemn sense of duty - and a ready desire to perform
it. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous
in our eyes - May the Holy Spirit make every
soul a residence fit for himself. Under some
realising sense of the weight of obligation which rests
upon me, I would once more attempt to devote
myself to the God of my life the Father of my
children, and thus the mediation and intercession
of his Son our Saviour, yield a part to his service
my soul and body with all their powers and facul-
ties to be employed in promoting thy glory,
praying that whether in life or death I may be
thine - fashioned in the image of him who is the
image of the invisible God, and who has promised
that his followers shall be like him, for they shall
see him as he is. This is heaven. To be holy, to
be sin, serving God without imperfection, with-
out distraction, without weariness, & this is heaven.
To be furnished with those powers, which shall qualify
us to perform the work of angels, which shall
not need the refreshment of food and sleep, but shall
enable us without intermission to join in the song
of Moses and the Lamb, saying Great and marvellous
are thy works, O Lord Almighty, great and marvellous
true are thy ways & thou King of Saints -

E. H. H.

Gladly April 9th 1834 - ^{Annual Fast} Still spared to make a renewed dedication
 of my self to the God of my life. In reviewing the events
 and actions of the past year, I cannot but be deeply
 penetrated with a sense of the Divine goodness to me
 and mine and also with a sense of my own unworthiness
 of this goodness. Truly I have not rendered to the
 Lord according to his benefits, and though I think I
 can say with truth that I have struggled against
 evil dispositions, I cannot find that they are eradicated.
 I must still mourn over this body of sin and death
 and this law of sin in my members. But thanks to God
 for the promises and hopes of his word. When these
 bodies shall be laid aside and the spirit shall be
 released from the clog of mortality, sin, that enemy
 of our peace, shall have no more power over us;
 our warfare with this foe shall be accomplished,
 and the days of our mourning will be ended. O
 blessed state! Thither have our dear children gone, and
 thither we shall soon follow. It must be so. I know
 in whom I have believed, I know into whose image
 I long to be transformed, I know that the kingdom
 of God & the righteousness thereof, is the object of my
 most intense desire and regard, and that I do esteem
 all things but loss and drop in comparison of the
 knowledge of Christ and the possession of his Spirit.
 To follow, During the remnant of my earthly pilgrimage
 in the steps of those of my friends who have entered
 the world of spirits, ~~and become~~ and become

partakers of the pure and holy employment, is the
business of every day. Much do I need the strengthening
influences of God's Spirit, and great and precious are
the promises which we find in his word - may
they be to me and mine yes and amen.

And now what shall I ask of him who is able
to do exceeding abundantly, above what we can
ask or think? Every thing of an earthly nature
is given freely, I have all and abound; there-
fore my desires are confined to spiritual things
Durable riches and righteousness, a treasure in
the heavens, which fade not away.
I would again formally give myself up to God as my
sure unfailing portion. In the name which he hath
given of his Son and the blessings promised thro'
him, there is a solid foundation on which
we may with safety rest our immortal interests
in the humble tho' firm belief of this I again

sign my unworthy name
Edw. H.
April 9th 1835 - While I am able to hold a pen, I hope to make
on this occasion (Annual Fast) a record of my continued
determination to be, by the Lord, wholly and forever. This I
would do, notwithstanding all the sins and frailties which
at times beset upon my spirit. "To thee man will I look,
even to him who is of an humble and a contrite spirit."
This brokenness of heart, I think I sometimes feel. And
the desire which prevails on my mind more than any
other, is that I may be holy as God is holy - and not only
for myself but for my children also do I feel the same
earnest desire. This morning a little dissension arose between
two of my dear sons. God only knows what anguish I felt

I laid myself down before him in secret, and with strong
crying and tears brought for them true penitence and
forgiveness - thou knowest O Father that I have not an
anxious thought for them with regard to temporal things
merely, but only as these things have a very close
connection with their final salvation. I have melnched
to see jealousies and suspicious and unkind feelings
between members of the same family! - I may well
ask whether I am not in a great measure the author
of these evils which I deplore. I feel condemned, I need
not ask - my own conduct condemns me - and this gives
the edge to my sorrow. Distinguishing that, that these
immortal beings, for whose eternal happiness, I would
sacrifice any and every earthly good, should be led into
^{some} by my own evil example. - There is one that which
gives a little relief - Our heavenly Father is able to
bring good out of evil, light out of darkness and order
out of confusion. To him I resign myself and all mine.
May the short that ~~my~~ term of probation is nearly
over, that very soon I shall have no more opportunity to
be useful to these precious souls, either by conversa-
tion or by example, excite me to be more circumspect
more humble mild peaceful gentle - more unwearied in
labours and watchings and prayers, and every self-denial
duty - that if possible we may all assemble at length
in the upper temple, and with our beloved ones who we
hope are already there, employ our nobler powers in doing
the will of our Father and Saviour, without imperfec-
tion - and thro' the endless ages of eternity - In testimony
of which earnest desire and hope I subscribe my name with

name Elizabeth H. Huntington

1896
April 7th Annual Fast. On this occasion, I would look back
upon the past year, and in view of the multiplied mercies
which have crowned it, would say, this is my God, and
he will be my God even unto death. Within a few months
I have been twice warned by an attack of fever, to look to
my hope. And in this near view of eternity, I thank God that
I was enabled to feel quietness and peace. He who can give
peace in pain, he who has done it, is worthy of all love &
trust. And family some of them have had repeated attacks
of sickness the year past. But out of them all the Lord
delivered us. I have earnestly so I desire that these chastenings
may yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness, and that
their sufferings may not be lost upon us.

My business now is to surrender afresh to thee my
Covenant God my whole self. Sinfully as I have conducted
I come to thee, thou knowest that nothing but holiness can
satisfy thine heart. which parts for God for the living, the
glory God. I make me holy, that I may in some degree
honour the profession I have made. Save me from becom-
ing worldly in my desires and feelings. Help me more
frequently to think of heaven, its blessed inhabitants,
and its devoted employment. and may we not forget
the dear departed who are there and who weep now
God himself shall wipe away all tears from the eyes
of his saints. Then let me be content to mourn, to
weep over sinful imperfection; but grant that the
hope of eternal life may ever be to me a powerful
incitement to self denial and entire obedience.

Thus I add one more testimony to the sincerity of my
faith. Thy and ^{probably wife's} ~~public~~ ^{secret} ~~prayer~~ ^{prayer} shall be which succeed, ~~and~~
of any life draws to a close. I my Father let me not dis-
honour thee. In life in death and eternity help me to attain
the three series Christ amen. - D.H.H.

April 6th 1837. Annual Fast. Since the last anniversary, my
health, and the health of my dear family have been
preserved, and our temporal comforts have been continued
multiplied I should say, as the passing moments of my life
I would now raise to God the voice of gratitude and the
expressions of praise. - Remounting his mercies, I am full
with shame and sorrow for my neglect of duty, and
for all those evil thoughts and sinful dispositions
which I have indulged and for which I am ever
guilty before thee. Accept O Father the sincere desires
which I feel for thy forgiveness, and for strength in future
to serve thee more acceptably.

Will thou hear the prayers of thy children which
have been offered to thee for thy blessing on all the la-
ful labour of enterprise and industry, for the spread of
the gospel, the promotion of peace and liberty and
justice, that the fields may yield their increase, and
that God even our own God would bless us.

But especially I implore that spiritual blessing should
be granted to my dear family in all its branches.
enrich us all with thy arms of mercy, enlighten
our minds, sanctify our hearts. Prepare us for the
pains and difficulties, the sorrow and sufferings of the
remainder of our pilgrim age - with me it cannot be long
O Father let none of us die without the tokens of thy
favor, and the cleansing influence of the blood of the
Lamb. - Once more I would subscribe with my hand to
the Lord, and surname myself by the name of Israel -
I would never feel that I am my own but bought
with a price, and hope to receive the white stone,
in which is written that new name which none know
but those who receive it. Will thou I desire to commend myself
to thy devoted servant as thy thing of kings. - Elizabeth G. Thentley

April 5th/83 - Hawley - Annual Sat. We all attended worship at
Northampton this morning, excepting Mary who is sick with a
cold, and Eliza who stand to take care of her. Mr. Stearns
preached from St. Ephraimians, 5th 12th 13th. He made a very
humble fervent and appropriate prayer - but on account of
headache Tuesday and Wednesday was not able to perform a
new sermon, as he had designed and wished to do.
Still spared and blest, I would again as in thy presence most
Holy Father, desire to humble myself before thee & in view
of my many and great, and frequent deficiencies in duty,
cry - "God be merciful to me a sinner". For a little season
I go on quietly and thankfully, walking as I hope in the
comforts of the Holy Spirit, but soon the hidden evils of my
heart rise to view, and I have to acknowledge, myself
utterly unworthy of thy favour. Now, I now till this
body of sin and death is laid down, shall my spirit rise
pure, and holy to thee. Then why wish to remain here
clinging to our pollution, and ~~far~~ from holiness and heaven
Father's mercy - cleanse me and fit me for thy ~~holiness~~
presence, so unite me to Jesus our Saviour and Elder
brother, that whenever thou shall call me from time, I may
find happiness and heaven in thy presence. Then some
blessing I ask for all my dear family and by that we
may all live holy and peaceful lives here, that we
may at length form an unbroken family in the skies.
And now, tho' I fail so greatly in my resolutions, I
would again devote myself to thee time, talents, powers
faculties, all that I am and have - thine I would be in
time death and eternity. - E. W. H.

Annual Fast. March 28th 1839 - We have been at N-m to worship. Theophilus his wife and Mary and I. Mr. H. went to the Mills and Bethia staid at home. Thudon is absent gone to New York, on business - After the morning service Mr. Stearns baptized Charles infant by the name of Helen-Bethia. she made a very interesting and suitable prayer - after this we went to Mrs. Fisher and witnessed the baptism of George Catherine, and Edward. It is my earnest prayer that these children may all become cleansed from all pollution, by the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit - As their bodies have received the sign of cleansing with water. And for this purpose, O thou, who hast thro' hearts of all at thy disposal wilt thou so impress a sense of their obligations upon the mind of these parents, that they may omit nothing which shall aid in this all-important work - make them more prayerful watchful, self denying and obedient - and thus may parents and children be prepared to meet thee and enjoy thee together forever in heaven -

1. Still I am spared to improve this season to renew
my covenant engagements. I desire to be thine wholly
and forever. All I dare to ask of thee with earnestness is
that I and all mine may be blessed with spiritual bly-
ssings - all other things I would cheerfully leave to thy wisdom
to give or withhold - but O my Father I cannot cease to be
for my dear children and grand children the blessings of thine
love in heart - that they may ever enjoy God. O Thou O
Father hast signally restored to health our beloved Helen. Let not
this interposition be lost to any of us - may she and her hus-
band every day enquire what they shall render to the Father here
Another reason is opening upon us - may I be assisted to resist
all evil and choose and practice all good - Weepest me O Father in the
name of thy beloved son -

Annual Fast - April 2 - 1840 - Looking back thro' the past year,
I find it one of uncommon interest. Important events have
closely followed each other, and the death of our beloved Mary
has given us new interest ^{both} ~~with~~ eternal realities and powers.
We have been chastened and benighted - but we hoped was
in love and not in wrath. We are now in health and
comfortable prosperity. Let us not be lifted up with
pride and worldliness, but walk humbly and penitently
before God - remembering always that our life is as
a vapour, which appearing for a little season and then
vanisheth away - but not so the immortal part. Blessed
be God whose hopes made known by Jesus Christ. How cheer-
ing the prospect of that holy and peaceful state, where
is the reality of all the good and of our dear departed
children and friends ~~we~~, we may be forever advancing
in knowledge and good rep. - Bless the Lord O my soul
for his mercy in giving us such evidence, that we
have, that our dear ones who are gone, are now seeing
thee in heaven, without wearing for imperfection.
And now O my Father, who hast carried me along in thy
merciful arms even unto this age, I would once more
make a solemn surrender of myself to thee, whom I
am and whom I desire more perfectly to serve. When
I consider my will dispositions, my neglect of duty, and
the multiplied sins of which I have ^{been} guilty thro' a long
life, I feel that I must lie down ^{in peace} ~~in peace~~ and
But thou hast said thou hast no pleasure in the death
of the sinner. And I believe help thou my unbelief.
Increase my faith & strength to do thy will, and whether
life long or cut off speedily, may ~~not~~ ^{not} any other be deferred
Others I pray for all my dear ones, while I devote anew
to thee and Jesus Christ thy Son, all my power for
time and eternity -

April 8th 1841 - On this returning day of fasting and prayer,
I am alive and in comfortable health - my dear family and
friends have been preserved; and excepting that an infant we
form who never saw the light - death has not invaded
the near circle of our friends. May a deep impression be
made upon my mind and heart by the blessings of this
year, and may I so humble myself, and so give up to thee
all that I am and have as to be able, when death comes,
to depart in peace. The time cannot be far distant, the
decaying body the weak and wavering mind, teach me
forcibly that the time is short. May I not become attached
so strongly to sensible objects, as to forget my rapid
progress toward the spiritual world. O my Father, dwell in
my heart by the influences of thy purifying spirit, that
when death comes - I may feel the assurance, that as it
has ~~very~~ been my earnest prayer, I may be in deed
and in truth thine wholly and forever. - Thro' Jesus Christ

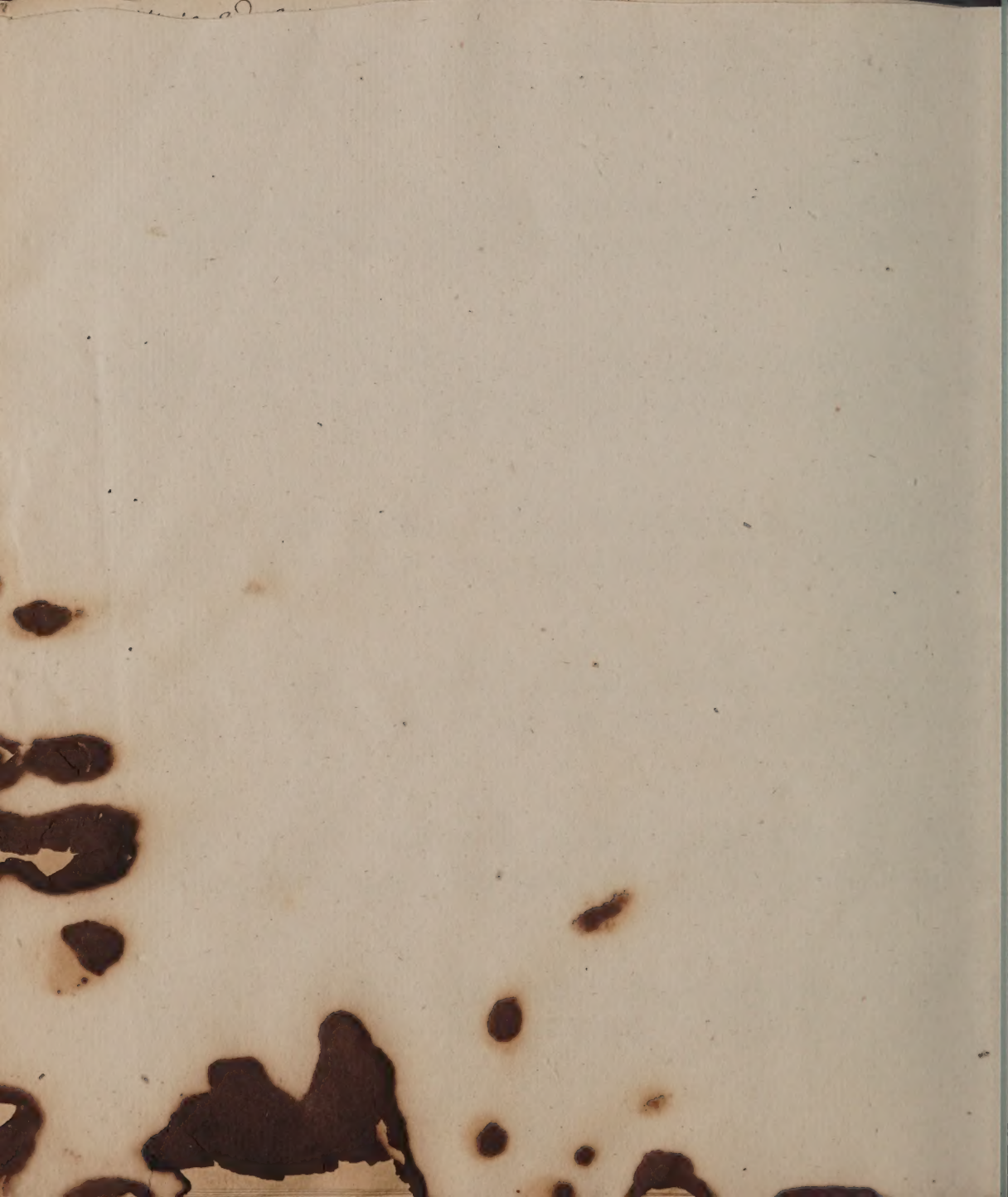
April 7th 1842 - My poor unprofitable life has been preserved to see
another anniversary of fasting and prayer - we have now
-ship at our church, but we may find acceptance to the mercy
in secret. If our hearts are right with God, Holy Spirit will
scatter doubt and unbelief, and all unholy emotions, and make
me pure in heart that I may see God. The past year has
been marked with great mercy to me and mine, life has
and peace, have been our portion, and death has not been sent
to carry us or ours to our final account - a child has been
given to our son Theophilus, and we have increasing cause
to speak forth the praises of our ever wearied all-mighty Father
I would again dedicate to thee this mortal life, short must
be the portion of it that remains - O that I might be able
to ~~say~~ always, tho' I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of
death I will fear no evil. The Lord I trust will send one in the near
- my of life to give myself to him, surely I have always looked on his name
- to any earthly good - that I may be his in life, death and eternally thro' Jesus
our savior - O H. H.

April 6th 1843. Another anniversary of fasting and prayer, find me in the enjoyment of health, life, joy, reason, friends, gospel privileges, and the hope of heaven. Death the last year has not been permitted to invade us our family, or the circle of our near friends and connections - neither have any of them I trust been suffered to fall into open and scandalous sin. - Instead of this, our youngest son has become a settled minister, highly respected, by the community (Boston) where he resides, and greatly beloved by his people. Our daughter and her family, who had been in France three years, return I trust Sept. and has ^{been} near us and we hope will continue to be so. - Our temporal blessings have been great, and continued, and our work is to endeavour to spend our remaining time in living to the glory of God, who has so signally blessed us. Feeling as I do, that I have been an unprofitable servant - I would supplicate for myself and my children and friends, - the pardon of our sins and grace to help us in all future duty. And I believe help those my unbelief - God be merciful to me a sinner. Praise be they name that they that it was sent ~~early~~ to awaken within me a desire after holiness - and that all along thro' a long life thou hast not left me utterly desolate - when in our triumph and despair, still thou didst enable me to follow hadst thou and hast thou done so much for me, and with thou at last art my God for ever - even in old age with thou support and strengthen, and comfort me - so that now and even to death and in eternity I may be indeed thy child and thy forgiven and sanctified servant. - Elizabeth W. Huntington

April 4th 1844 on this occasion, may it not be a formal devotion but a sincere surrender of my whole self to thee. precious more than I can reckon up, have been granted to me and mine every day and hour thy hand has been extended to me in kindness - yet thou hast come very near also by taking from us two of our highly valued and greatly beloved children - Our son Edward and the wife our son Charles, have been removed, and we have shed over their precious remains bitter tears of sorrow - not for them should we mourn, but as the disciples of old grieved, that we shall no more in this life bide their faces - But praise and thanksgiving are far more becoming for us, than weeping for their account - for their woeful lives their peaceful death, and their blessed hope in God thro' Jesus Christ we should render the best tribute of our devoted affections. And now my time is short the time of my departure must be near. I desire again to express my desire to be thine and do thy will, justly mightiest thou spare me from this for all the ^{which} remain upon an advocate - but what can I do. I will say if any sin we have an advocate - Jesus Christ the righteous - In him thou art our well pleaser thro' him & Father help me pardon ~~deeds~~ and save me and all mine in time & eternally. Elizabeth W. Huntington

Hadley April. 3^d 1845- I have lived another year, to make a record
of thy mercy to me and mine in the land of the living - the last
in July another of our dear ones fell asleep after severe struggle
and suffering, in Death. Dear little Harriet! how soon she followed
her pained mother to the world of light and peace. to receive
her sister the instructions, and drink full draughts of wisdom, from
the inexhaustible fountain. Mercies have been flowing in upon
us and we are in the enjoyment of health and strength and
the hope of heaven. God grant that this hope may be continued
to us till we reach that blessed state where we shall never
be seen and know as we are known. a sense of sin remains
and will for us that it does, may we always feel that sorrow for
which shall be a preservation from future offences, and help us
to avoid even the appearance of evil. I desire to be thine, my
me so I pray thee by the renewing of the Holy Spirit - and
whether in life or death in time or eternity may I be thy child
washed and saved by the power of the Holy Spirit thro' the
intercession of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord. Elizabeth W. Whiting

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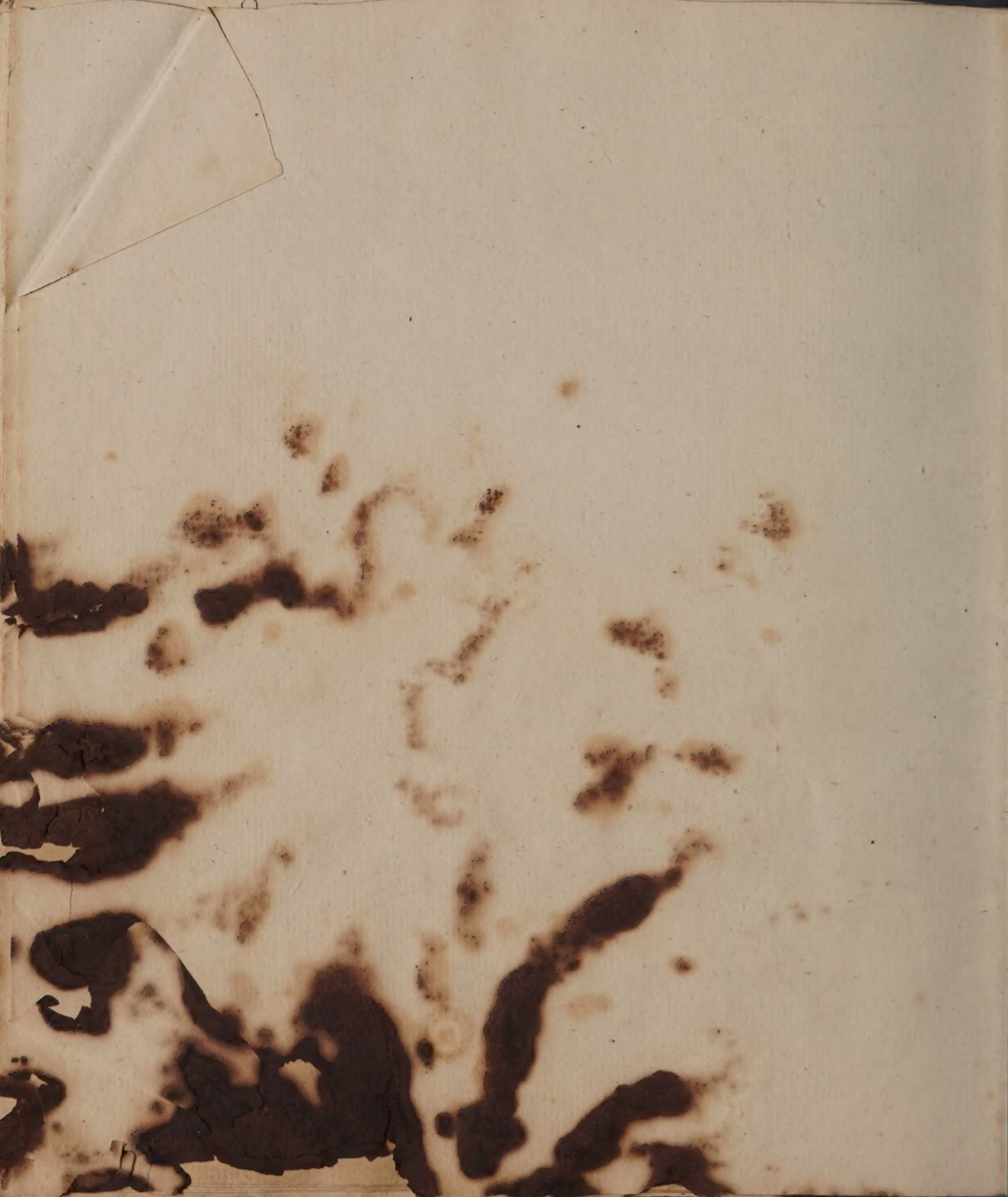


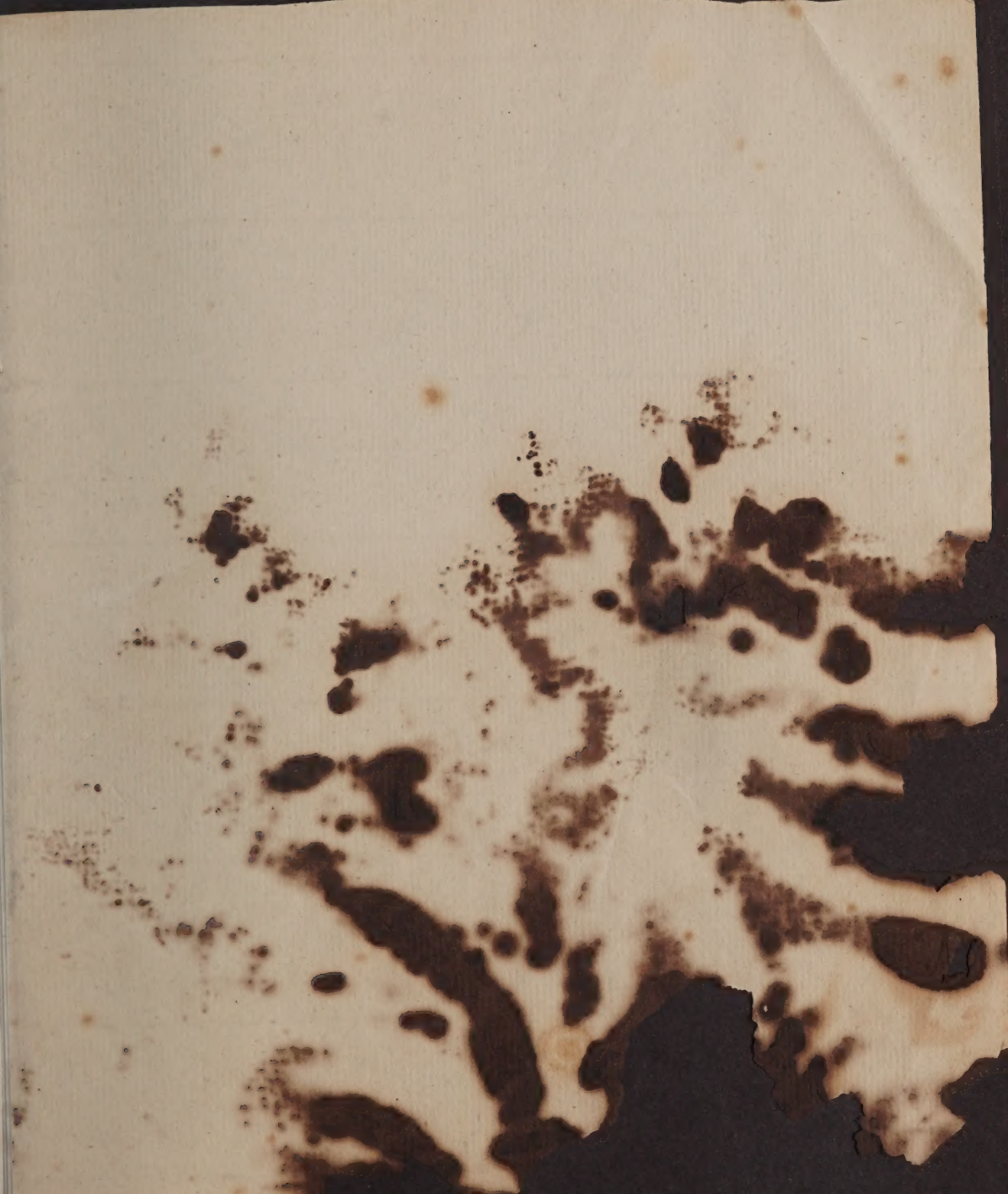


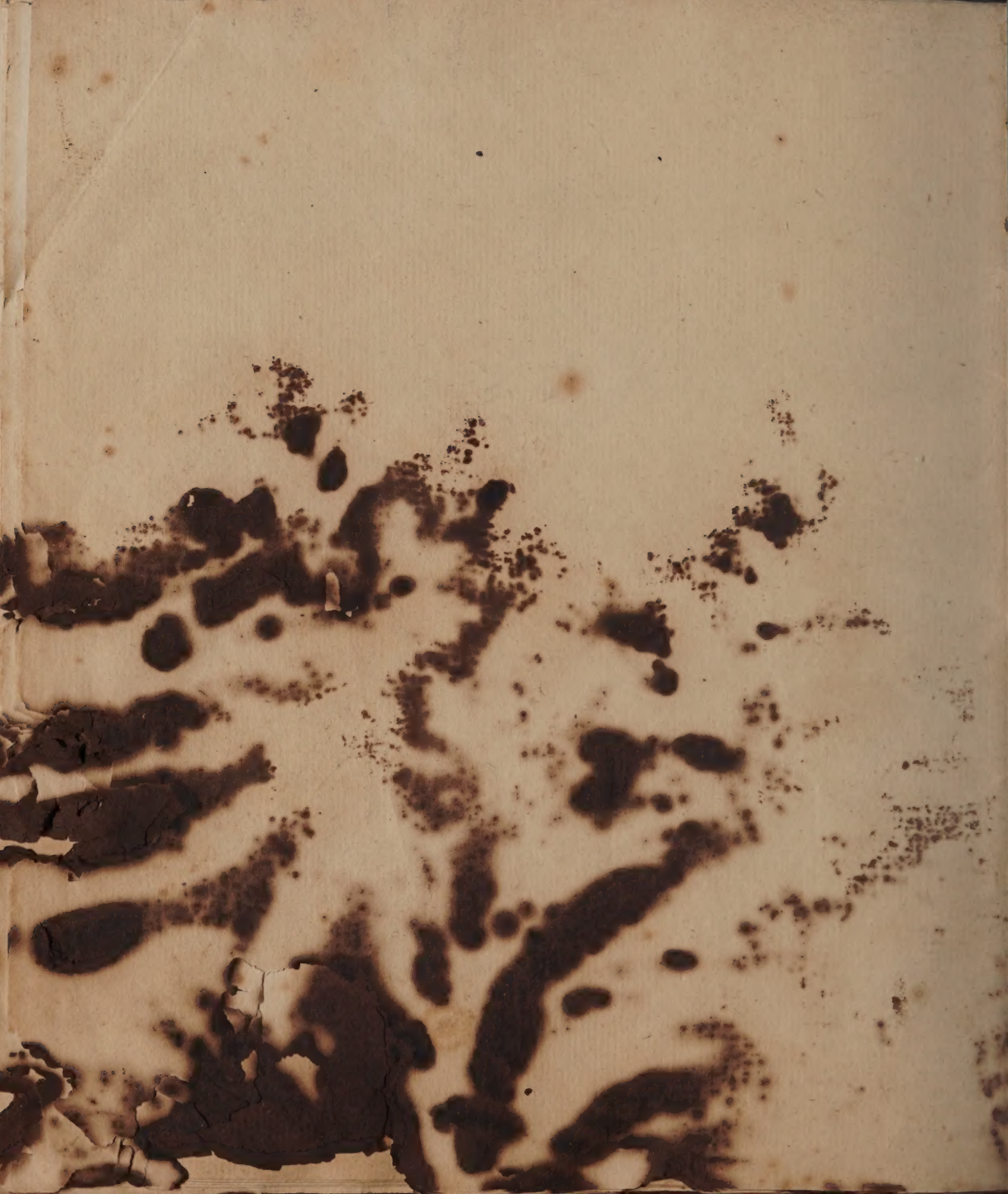












Thursd. June 13th 1830 - It is long since I have attended
to this avocation of writing - even many months - and during
that time our lives and health and comfort have been
preserved by that watchful Providence which has ever
been extended over us for good. Our son Whiting has
been home from college twice and is expecting to come
again soon - William has found employment in
keeping school at Paris in Kentucky - Edward has
been to New York and going on favourably in the store,
and Elizabeth with all her children are with us, ex-
pecting to spend the summer. our children who live with
us are healthy and dutiful and we have a supply
for our daily wants. What can we wish for more,
but gratitude and fidelity that we may honour our
heavenly benefactor and friend by lives devoted to his
service and glory. - The season is uncommonly promising;
truly God is kind to the wil and unthankful, he
sends us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and
wherever we turn our eyes we behold expressions of his
goodness and his power. - O that we might all
praise the Lord for his goodness, and always act
under a sense of our dependence upon him.
This sabbath afternoon shines with an uncommon beauty
till noon the clouds gently distill a refreshing
rain, since that the clouds are dissipated, and
every thing appears fresh and blooming - ~~But~~ how
is it within? - Is my soul illuminated with the
sun of righteousness - and am I bringing forth the
fruit of the Spirit? - absent from the sanctuary,
I seek in secret the aids of thy grace - and would
endear me to consecrate myself soul and body at all
times to thee, and implore thy assistance that I may
do my duty more faithfully to all around me, and
thus be preparing for my departure hence - bless all this
family and bring us at last to thy kingdom of glory thou
Jesus Christ our Lord amen

June 20th 1830. Sabbath sun out - Another rainy sabbath -
the whole family stand at home, excepting Theophylus
and I and little Elizabeth who went to hear Mr F.
^{this afternoon} ~~this~~ was in 2 Corinthians 4th 7th But we have
this treasure in earthen vessels - & announce every dis-
course - 20 years since he was ordained. This after-
noon resumed burnings' questions, with M-y-b-
G-- and E-a - may the Lord grant a blessing,
and make the various advantages we enjoy abun-
dantly beneficial to our souls. Last week
Tuesday Elizabeth Bethia and I made a visit
at Deacon Dickinson's - Thursday Mrs Fisher had
a letter from William - I am rejoiced to observe a
disposition of late in him to make serious re-
flections in his letters - this is real pleasure
what can be compared with it. I have borne
him on my heart with deep solicitude - and
may I hope that my Father excited these
desires and is about to gratify them - Lord be-
-fit thy goodness to him and to all this dear
family - yesterday had a line from Helen -
bless us all this week and fit us for the rest
of heaven thro' Jesus our dear Redeemer amen.

June 27th Sabbath evening - Today we had a meeting
at the centre school house - Mr H--n preached from
these words 28th Matthew - he is not here he is risen
This afternoon from these words Pshp'd be the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath be-
-gotten us again to a lively hope &c - last Tuesday
Mr H-- and Mrs Fisher went to Northampton

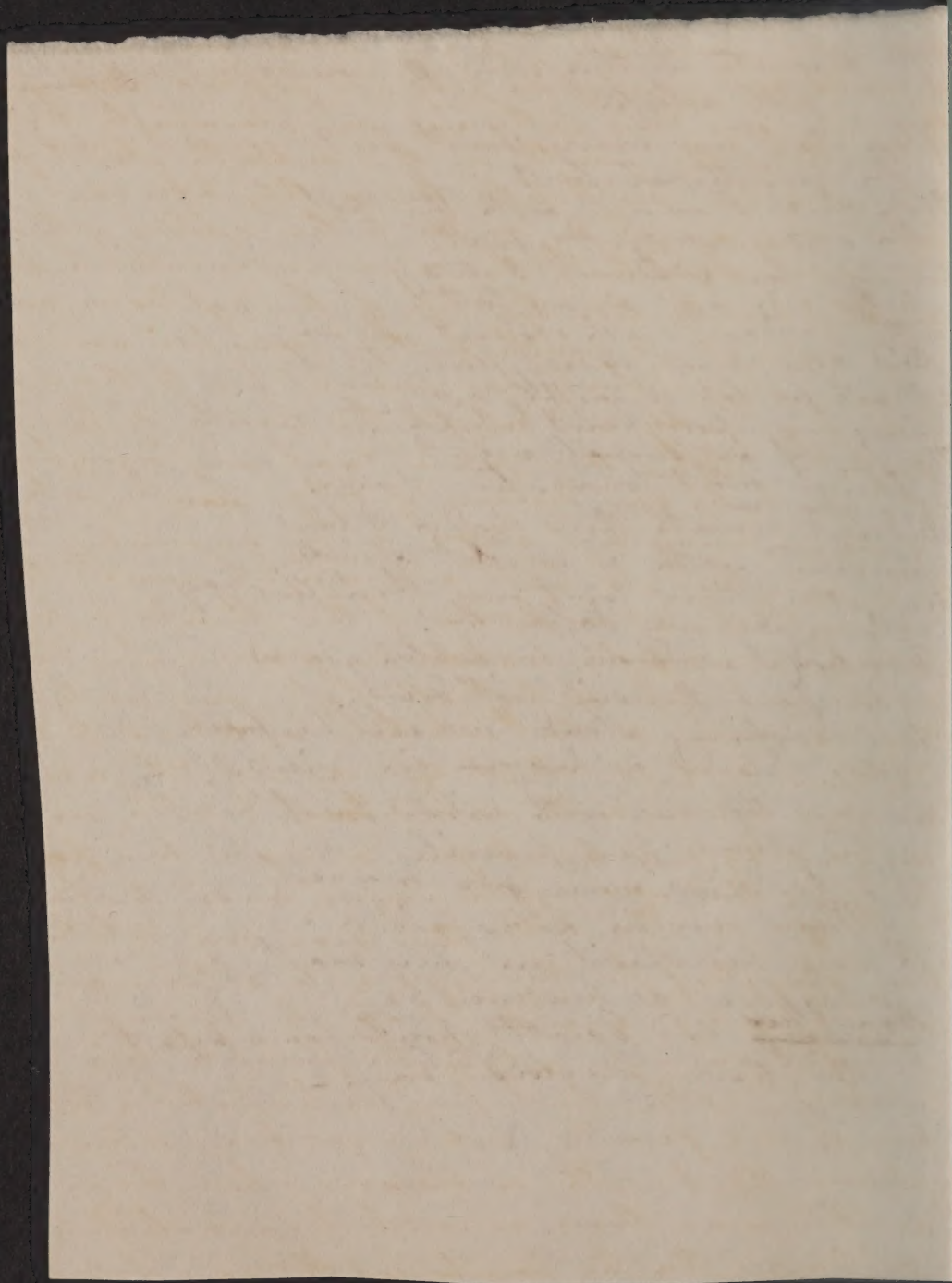
Wednesday Ordination at Hatfield - Mr Pratt -
all the family went excepting Mr H. - my self the
children and servants Doct. Thentley preached
Thursday Mrs F. and Bethia drank tea at
Doct. Dickinson's - Hannah Badwell was
buried the same afternoon - Mr Worcester
preach'd. Saturday Mrs. F. and Bethia
made calls - what a happy world - and
a dying world - Lord fit us for eternity -
July 18th The morning after I wrote last Mrs Phelps was
ill and sent for me, an abortion took place - but
her health was not restored - that week Mrs With
and Mrs Cooley made us a visit. Saturday Mrs F.
Bethia E. and G. went to N. - to stay a few days
on the sabbath. Mr H. and I went to N. to attend
public worship and the Lord's supper - Mr Hall
administered the sacrament - Mr Gilbert preached -
in the evening found Mrs Phelps more feeble - next
day we all excepting Mr H. who took Edwards's
place at the store went to N. to celebrate
independence, by hearing an oration delivered by
our eldest son - with which I was much gratified
Wednesday Mr H. went to bring home our chil-
dren - and I went to see Mrs Phelps - found her
very uneasy and much affected from Monday -
stayed two hours - next day at night went over
again, and while I was there she had a paralytic
- in shock - next morning she had a convulsion fit
and from that time till sabbath morning half past
three when her struggles ended in death her suffering
was severe and almost incessant - her funeral was
deferred till Tuesday to allow time for her friends to
arrive but they did not come - Charles and Helen

came and stay. I till next morning - the family
are once more left without a mother - but the
elder daughters are competent to take the charge
and may God dwell with them and be to them
all better than any earthly good - the same
day after the funeral, we had a letter from
William stating in most direct terms, his trust
in God and his resolution in future to main-
tain a close walk with him - this was consi-
-deration indeed, may he be enabled to persevere we-
to the end - today I have been to Stutfield with
Theophilus and Catherine, and Whiting who came
home Thursday - heard Mr Pratt preach this morn-
-ing from Deuteronomy 5th - 6th and 7th in behalf of
sabbath school - this afternoon stayed at home - Mrs
F. B. M. and little P. ~~walked~~ into town to meeting -
Mr H. - at Leicesters - I'm ~~view~~ of the solemn scene
which we have recently witnessed may all this
family be aroused to enquire whether we are fit
for the work of death - and let not this call
be in vain to any of us, which speaks in loud
and awful accents "be ye also ready". -

A week ago today was Theophilus's birth day - and
last Friday was William's - I endeavour to notice in
my secret devotions every such circumstance, and
as I mention each of my children particularly morn-
ing and evening - their peculiar wants and dispo-
-sitions are alluded to - & my Father gives me
more of a spirit of prayer and let me increase in
every good word and work - care that my conversa-
-tion may savour more of heaven and holiness that
I may let my light shine for the good of others -

Hadley August - written soon after our dear Whiting
fell asleep.

- 1 When shall my weary spirit rest,
In God's eternal love?
When shall I mingle with the blast,
In realms of light above?
- 2 Thro' life's lone wilderness I stray
With sin and sorrow tort,
Doubt fear and death obstruct my way,
And hope seems wholly lost.
- 3 Yet not for loss of earthly good,
Does my poor heart complain,
The fear of an eternal night
Brings most tormenting pain.
- 4 Buried beneath these shades I lay
Crushed with a weight of woe,
Nor was there light or kindling ray,
To guide me safely thro'.
- 5 But God (a wondrous matchless grace)
In fast the veil with drew,
Thro' darkening clouds revealed his face,
And placed a heaven in view.
- 6 And now tho' still with sorrow fraught,
And gloomy fears prevail,
His promises may give me rest,
Whose mercies never fail.
- 7 I may his spirit in my heart,
Inspire a heavenly ray,
~~Then~~ ~~darkness~~ and Doubt should hence depart,
And have unclouded day. -



July August 9th 1832. More than two years have past since I sat in this
place and wrote in this book. And what events have taken
place, what heart rending has been felt, what tender ties have
been severed, what darkness and horror have I endured! - O God
of mercy and compassion pity and forgive. Two years ago at
this time our dear Catherine was alarmingly sick, and the
fifteenth of the month on the sabbath about four in the
afternoon her spirit left the earthly tabernacle, and her
soul was carried by angels to the abode of the blessed.
We must hope that the same power which so mercifully
enabled her to live the life of the righteous, and conform
her conduct so much to the example and instructions
of our blessed Lord, has received her to those employments
which occupy and delight the spirits of the just made
perfect. After this severe trial, my own, perhaps owing
to weakness and disease of body, sank into a state
of despondency and gloom nearly amounting to despair.
For months all light and comfort seemed to be shut out
and with all, a confusion of the thinking faculties, ideas
which never before entered my mind, and doubts and fears
which seemed to cut off all hope, were continually crowd-
ing my mind, so that absolute wretchedness seemed my
certain portion. But God in infinite mercy about
a year since, intervened. My health improved, and
reason again by degrees resumed her power. Praise
to God. - And now again sorrow comes. O what a vale of
tears do we inhabit! Our dear son Estlin who has
been struggling for three years to obtain an education
which may qualify him to become a preacher
of righteousness, at length finished his collegiate
course. With what fond anticipation were the mem-
bers of our family looking for his return. He did
return. But with a disease upon him which in
a little more than a week terminated his mortal
existence. On the twenty eighth day of July about two
in the morning of Saturday, he breathed his soul
into the hands of his Lord and Saviour. How can we
find words to thank God for his goodness manifested in
the life and sickness and death of this beloved child. Let
me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be
like his.

"Sure the last end of the good man is peace.

How calm his exit!" In the composure of mind with which he viewed his approaching change we were greatly comforted. But in reviewing his writings we can have no doubt as to his eternal state; it would be ingratitude criminal ingratitude to mourn or complain. Long before his birth he was an object of fervent prayers, and every day since has witnessed the aspirations of maternal solicitude in his behalf. And have all these feelings been called forth in vain? Will a compassionate God create desires which are never to be satisfied? If I know my own heart I have never for my children sought the honours, the riches or the pleasures of this world. The favour of God has been the object of my supreme desire for myself and them, and now that he has left such shining evidence of a heart devoted to God, shall I reject the consolation it affords?

True we shall sigh, almost lament that the many plans he was enabled to form and begin to execute should be frustrated. But God we know can of stones raise up children to Abraham. And he can make his death a means of extensive and lasting good to survivors. That it may thus prove in my earnest prayer. And when I seek for blessed fruits to follow. I am led to enquire what I can do to promote this cause myself. Cold and feeble as I am, my life and strength still hold out. Let me set about something which may advance the cause which our dear child has so much at heart. In the first place, I must endeavour to persuade my daughters to unite with their cousins in a weekly meeting for private prayer. The object particularly to be to pray for the advancement of the kingdom of righteousness. Another thing endeavour to persuade my sons to join together in the same object. Again, I am to leave off for a season at least the use of sugar in tea and coffee that I may have more money to give away in charity. Again I must be more laborious in my efforts with the family next north of us. To persuade them to give up the use of spirits. —

Ever since last March our son William has been with us. He returned from Kentucky, to appear and devoted himself

of Christ. Praise the Lord & my soul. I will praise the Lord for
he hath heard the voice of my supplication. For this let every
one seek the Lord. Within six months, Charles and Helen,
William, Edward, Theophilus, Theodore, and Mary have all
together with Elvira joined themselves to the visible church
of Christ by partaking of the Lord's supper at Northampton.
We not then the blessed fruit of our sorrow. Our
dear Catherine was taken from us, but was it not
to transplant her to a happier clime? and has not
her removal been the means of leading upward the
hearts of our other children? Frederic only remains.
O God in mercy speedily sanctify him and enable
him also to subdivide with his hand to the Lord
and preserve him self by the name of Israel.

This is a day of fasting and prayer thro' this state
on account of the Cholera a most terrific disease
which has desolated many parts of the world, and
within a few months appeared in our beloved country.
Our state has been hitherto preserved. May the people
of this state so humble themselves, today so repent
and reform, as that the Divine judgments may be
averted, and righteousness and holiness be abundantly
increased.

August 12th Sabbath evening. Mr. H. Theophilus Mary Frederic and
Austin have attended worship at N. heard Mr. Riley in
the morning from 1st Peter 2nd 1st Thmous all men. At noon went
with Mary to see Doct. Hunt who recommended for her the
Pyrrol mixture. went to Charles's to dinner. all well except
little Frances who is teething, but able to run about. This
afternoon Mr. D. read from 50th Psalm 15th verse. call upon
me in the day of trouble and I will hear thee. Last evening
after meal over I rode up with Mr. H. as far as the road
to Amherst, and then walked to Mr. L's - gave them an
account of our dear Whiting's life and death, and endeavored
to call their attention to the importance of preparation
for the solemn went - after coming out of the house
had an opportunity of urging Mr. L. to give up the use
of spirit entirely and to keep the sabbath. God only knows
whether it will do any good. The hearts of all are in his
hand, If I am not greatly deceived it is my earnest desire

that they may all come to the saving knowledge of
the truth, and how gladly would I be an instru-
ment of good to some if it were only one soul.
Do thou O Fountain of light source of all good desires
accompany my feeble efforts with thy Divine Spirit
that the life of Christ may be manifest in our
mortal bodies - If it may please thee preserve us
all from the overwhelming fear of death, but above
all help us so to live that death may be to us gain.
August 15th This is the anniversary of our dear Catherine's departure
and nearly the same hour. Before Whiting's return, I had
pleased myself with the hope that he would again prepare
an address for us of the family - and that as so many
of us profess to love the voice of God, we should
spend an hour or two in offering up our prayers
to the Father of mercies that he would not suffer us
to forget the solemn lesson he had been teaching us, and
in reading his word and singing to his praise. But
O what a sad reverse. Whiting our dear Whiting, he
who with such alacrity entered into my views,
adopted and forwarded my plans, and even pre-
sented my wishes - yes he is gone. His lips forever sealed
in death - if it had not been so, this day I had had
at least one heart which beat in unison with my
own - I should not thus solitarily have commemorated
this early departure of this beloved child. If I
know my own heart, my motive in observing this
occasion, was that we might all be enabled to real-
ize more effectually our own mortality and the obliga-
tion which lies upon us to double our diligence in
our way to heaven. And one would think after this
repeated warning, we might be willing to spend a little
reason for this express purpose; how many hours do
we spend in talking over the trifling occurrences of
this vain world - and how reluctantly do we devote
a few moments to the worship of God and to the
memory of those who so lately were with us - O that
we might be roused to let go our eager hold of the

world, and act as if we were indeed in the very threshold
of eternity. I may soul what art thou doing - and what
has thou done for God and his Son. Rouse! rouse! thou
look around thee, and invent some means to rouse the
stupid abandoned wretches who are within thy reach
and still prisoners of hope. Let me recollect with what
eager delight my dear Catherine hastened to every office
of kindness and benevolence. And how unwearied was
her beloved and loving brother in every devising and
executing plans for the promotion of the Kingdom
of righteousness and the glory of God. And now
~~they~~ ^{they} ~~rest~~ side by side in their narrow beds. "lovely
and pleasant in their lives" and in their death rest
only as it were for a moment divided. In vain
do I attempt to trace their bodies, these
frail tabernacles, beautiful as they were, are
taken down, to be changed, that they may be made
like unto Christ's glorious body - for their corruptible
must put on incorruption; and death shall be
no longer up in victory. It is a most comfort
to us, that their spirits are mingling with the
blessed inhabitants of heaven. They have arrived at
the end of their journey, when it was but just
begun. "Say ye to the righteous it shall be well
with him." Blessed are the dead who die in the
Lord; "to live is Christ but to die is gain."
I have offered special prayers to God to day that we
may not lose the benefit which these repeated
visitation are calculated to yield to us. Help me
devote my self soul and body to thee that I may
serve thee more perfectly here, and after death
be entirely free from sin and every imperfection.
Helen and Frances are here. Charles bro't them over
yesterday. and O how I long to have our united atten-
tion call'd to the solemnities of this anniversary - but
it might not be. O God of mercy if I am in a state
of mental derangement altho' me I entreat thee and
pardon me for the Redeemer's sake.

Prayer.

Almighty and ever lasting Father! We would adore thee as the
high and lofty one who inhabiteth eternity. As the Maker of
all things visible and invisible. As that glorious Being who
upholdst and governest all the works of thy hands, in
infinite wisdom and goodness. Praise a thousand times a God that
we are thy worshippers - Thou hast made us in thine
own image, and has placed us in glory, and didst place
him on the throne of glory, our reigning him with every
thing to give satisfaction and delight - But from this state
of purity and happiness, he by disobedience, by wilful
indulgence in sensual gratifications, plunged himself into
a state of guilt and misery - and thus have we all been
led to do - there is now that lieth and sinneth not, and
we who are now before thee, would confess with shame
and confusion of face, our own individual share in the
general ruin - But we would desire to thank thee
for the revelation of mercy which thou hast made to mankind
We thank thee for the glorious news of salvation, announced
by a multitude of the heavenly host, who in the embodiment

strains of heavenly harmony sung "glory to God in the highest in
 earth peace good will to men - Behold I bring you glad tidings of
 great joy which shall be to all people." And now O thou God
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in and thro' him the God
 of all grace and consolation, we ~~there~~ ~~are~~ ~~nothing~~ ~~we~~ ~~can~~ ~~do~~ ~~but~~
 ourselves in thy presence to beseech thee to carry into effect
 this glorious declaration. It is thy own word and we may affirm
 it not upon it, for though heaven and earth shall pass away
 thy word shall not pass away, but shall surely be fulfilled.
 And this is the word "glad tidings of great joy, which shall be
 to all people." We ~~cannot~~ ^{dispute} ~~mourn~~ over the desolation which
 sin has made and pray for the advancement of that period
 predicted in thine holy ~~scripture~~ ^{word}, when "the mountain of the Lord's
 house shall be established ^{upon} the top of the mountains,
 and exalted above the hills, and all flesh shall flow unto it
 and be saved." When the sublime and sanctifying truths of the
 gospel of Jesus Christ shall be every where diffused, even
 thro' the dark places of the earth, which are now full of
 the habitations of cruelty. Will thou O compassionate
 Father of thy whole family give unto thy children the
 spirit of grace and supplication that they may stand
 between the Lord and the altar, crying save thy people
 O Lord and give not thine heritage to reproach. How
 many generations have come and gone, since our blessed
 Saviour appeared in our world, with the welcome message
 of pardon and eternal life for sinners; and yet how
 great a portion of our race are still bowing down
 to stocks and stones, worshipping the work of their
 own hands, or sacrificing the fruit of their body
 for the sin of their souls. They have never yet heard
 of a Saviour, have never learned that there is
 pardon for the penitent rest for the weary, and
 light for them that sit in the ~~region and shadow~~
 darkness of spiritual death. We O God in this land
 of light and liberty have tasted of the heavenly gift,
 and shall we refuse to lend our aid ~~each~~ ^{each} and in
 sending it to others? shall we dare to disregard the
 injunction of our Lord and Master when he says
 "Truly ye have received, truly give? We do indeed
 mourn over our sluggishness, our stupid indifference
 to the perishing necessities of our fellow immortals.

Father of mercies by the repeated calls which thou
hast given us, in the death of dear and valued friends
we would pray to be awakened to the important
work of life. Forgetting for a while our selfish enjoy-
ing selfishness, let us endeavour in some humble
manner, to imitate him who went about doing
good, let our kind affections embrace all our
brethren of mankind; and wherever there is suffer-
ing or sin, there may our tenderest sympathies
be drawn forth to relieve and reform. But
under a sense of our weakness and unworthiness we are
nearly to sit down in despondency, and ^{almost} des-
pair of being honoured as instruments of glory to God or bene-
fit to mankind. Of our selves we can do nothing,
but thou canst employ the feeblest means to advance
the purposes of thy grace and mercy, and ^{thou canst} ~~enable us to say~~
~~as a spirit of grace and supplication, that for Jeru-~~
~~salem's sake we will not hold our peace and for Jeru-~~
~~salem's sake we will not rest, till the righte-~~
~~ous thereof go forth as brightness, and the salva-~~
~~tion thereof as a lamp that burneth. And in~~
~~our intercessions for mankind I suffer us not to~~
~~forget the seed of Abraham thy friend. Is not the~~
~~time come when thou wilt "collect the outcasts of~~
~~Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah?"~~

With confident expectation would we trace the predictions
of thine holy word which say "In that day will I raise
up the tabernacle of David that is fallen ~~down~~ and close
up the breaches thereof, and I will raise up his ruins,
and I will build it as in the days of old. Behold the day
come, saith the Lord, that the ploughman shall overtake
the reaper, and the trader of grapes, him that sows
seed, and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and
and all the hills shall smelt. And I will bring again the

captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them saith the Lord of Hosts. Give to thy children, ^{where} where, much of thy spirit, that they may cry day and night unto thee, that the fulness of the gentiles may be brought in, and so all Israel shall be saved. Look in mercy O our Father upon our beloved country. May all in authority have the spirit of their station, be a terror to evil doers and a praise and encouragement to those that do well. Be blessed to prosper all the efforts which are made in the cause of religion and virtue and suffering humanity. + Give to the ministers of thy gospel, a spirit of zeal for the honour of God, a spirit of love to each other, and wilt thou put an end to all bitterness and wrath and clamour ^{and will thou} among the proffered followers of the Prince of Peace. +

We would in ^{thine} ~~thine~~ dear presence with us who have now met to offer thee our prayers. Be in the midst of us, and comfort our hearts with the tokens of thy love. Enable us to make a suitable improvement of the solemn words of thy Providence, in which thou hast been speaking before us. Thou art sounding in our ears the most affecting truths, and saying to us with a voice which should penetrate our innermost souls, "be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." O grant ^{that} these messages may not be in vain; let there not be an individual in either of our families who shall remain unaffected with those ^{and may all who bring a recognition of those words by signs and words to God} words which say to us, "prepare to meet thy God." + With those lead the rich, comfort ^{those} who mourn the loss of friends, ^{guide} guide the dying to enter into thy rest, ^{supply} supply the wants of the poor, direct those who are seeking salvation in the way of life, reform the vicious, and let the kingdoms of this world, speedily become the kingdoms of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ to whom as the great head of the church ^{we} would ascribe glory and praise and honour now and forever.

August 20th ^{the} ~~the~~ is gone to preach at Vernon today. Bethia Mary and Frederic rode to ^{at} ~~at~~ this morning, in the chair, and Theodore and Austin walked. This afternoon, William and Edward rode over in the wagon. Frohman and myself at home. Closer you to the mill. Last week I put in execution a plan I formed some time ago. Bethia and I visited the poor house

My object particularly was to see Jennette, a notorious singer
unchristian and profane. Took her out of the house under a shade
and talked with her as well as I knew how, enjoined some
duties upon her - among the rest gave her an abridgement of
the commandments which Mary printed, and told her as she
could not read herself, to request some person to help her to
have them, promising ~~her~~ to reward her when she had committed
them to memory so as to be able to repeat them. May God
bless this pious attempt to reclaim a ~~sinister~~ polluted soul.
Said to me aunt Warren, who is still shut up in the
prison of despair - I how long will those hide thy face from
her? O most merciful Father remove the cloud if it may
be thy will, restore to her the joy of thy salvation, and
uphold her by thy free spirit. ~~Friday~~ ^{Friday} mes^{rs} in Sacaham
over to unite with us in social prayer. Made a begin-
ning; and some arrangements. May we never omit this
exercise for any slight cause. May the Holy Spirit be
with us ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ our petitions for us, and may Jesus
himself, who promised that where two or three should
be gathered in his ^{name} that he would be in the midst of
them, condescend to grant us his enlivening presence
and sanctifying grace. yesterday I went to see our next
neighbour whose husband is gone to jail for stealing.
I have been trying to be useful to them this summer,
but fear I have done no good. May I be guided and
assisted in further efforts to promote a spirit of repentance
and piety and reformation in young and old. Last week
wrote a letter to Mrs. Fisher. and another to Charles;
may they be accompanied by the demonstration of
the Spirit and with power. yesterday ^{William} received an
answer to a letter he wrote to Mrs. Cushing.

This week if the Lord will I am to visit ~~widow~~ ^{widow} Abigail
Smith, propose some measures for the advancement of
religion in our own hearts and lives, and for the reform-
ation of the vicious, propose some methods for bringing
up children in the fear of God. Last Tuesday Mrs. Bel-
and Mrs. Belding and widow Smith made visit her;
nearly all the conversation was upon things relate-
ing to the Kingdom. Mrs. Smith seems to be full of
love to God and man. May our mutual intercessions
find acceptance at the mercy seat offered in the
name of our great Advocate.

Sept 9th 1832. Today Mr. H. B. Theodor, Martin, Frederick, and Sarah
Warner, who came from N-u to stay with us a while, went to
N-u to attend meeting, heard Mr Stearns in the morning from
Isaiah 53: 4th Surely he hath borne our grief and carried our
sorrows. went to Charles' at noon - much delighted to find
he had been buying Bradi's sermons and prayers for the use
of families, who knows but God will answer my prayers
which I have so long offered in his behalf, should it be so
how can I ever show my gratitude? - In the afternoon text
was in John 11th chapter 26th verse. And whosoever liveth and
believeth in me shall never die. God grant that such
great and distinguished advantages as our society enjoy
may not be wholly lost upon us. Last Tuesday Mr.
Upthorp a young gentleman from Boston came to reside
with us and get some knowledge of farming. I pray
that he may find the knowledge of God and become a
meek and humble follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Wednesday Mr. Stearns our beloved pastor call. I as us
spoke in a most comforting manner respecting the
death of our dear children. Friday a black woman
brought her little boy only five years old to live with us.
May the Spirit of God assist me to do my duty to this
child to instruct him, pray with and for him and
thus be an instrument of training him up for an
immortality of holiness and peace. Yesterday call. I
ask Mr. Hodges, much rejoiced to find ^{that} their deceased
son received light and comfort before he left the world.
In how many instances have my prayers been granted.
I dare not say these things were done in answer to
my prayers, for I am so weak in faith that I hardly
dare indulge a faint hope for myself - and there
may have been many other lives, hearts praying
acceptably for the same things. But let me never
restrain prayer nor cease to train God for all the
blessings with which he is crowning me and mine.
All I want is a disposition and power to know him
more entirely and acceptably whether in life death
or eternally. - Thus Jesus Christ amen.

Prayer: Dear Father who art in heaven; when we attempt to draw near to
thee in the duty of prayer, we desire to remember thy greatness
and thy goodness, thy undesecension as well as thy majesty and
might, thy compassion as well as thy purity and holiness.
Thou the heavens are not clean in thy sight, yet thou hast
said, to that man will I look, even to him who is of an hum-
ble and contrite spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble,
and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. We pray
for the influence of thy good spirit, to awaken within us
such desire, and feeling, as shall make us acceptable worshippers before
thee. We thank thee that thou hast inclined ^{our hearts} ~~our hearts~~
to turn aside ~~at~~ stated seasons, from the common employments
of life and unite our supplications in behalf ourselves, our
friends, the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the world of
mankind. Having these great objects in view, how necessary
is it for us to say "Lord teach us to pray". Grant us the
aid of thy grace that we may plead for things agreeable
to thy will in the name of Christ with confession of our
sins and thankful acknowledgements of thy mercies.
We would not ask of thee the riches the pleasures or the
honours of this world. Having food and raiment may we
be there with content. But we do earnestly desire that
our hearts may be filled with thy love. Be pleased
to discover to us the glory and excellency of thy character,
the fullness and preciousness of that salvation which is revealed in
thy word, and the wonderful love and undesecension of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who tho' he was rich yet for our sakes he
became poor, that we thro' his poverty might be made
rich - may we contemplate the virtues which shine so
conspicuously in his character, till we shall be able in
some degree to transplant them into our own. May
we strive earnestly to imitate him in his piety and
devotion. Let us not content ourselves with a few short
petitions, hurried over from our worldly hearts, when we
have before us the example of him who spent whole
nights in prayer, interceding for a lost world. May
we not be satisfied with a few solitary acts of kindness
to our fellow men, when we are assured that our great
Master went about doing good - that it was his meat
and drink to do the will of his heavenly Father.
We have reason to be ashamed that we are so earthly,
that we have made so little progress in that work which
we were formed to accomplish - O our Father may we
henceforth consecrate to thee every power and faculty of our

souls and bodies, that we may be able in some feble manner
to assist in promoting that cause which works in righteousness
and peace and joy in the holy spirit.

We would bring before thee at this time our respective families,
thou knowest the state of every individual. Let all who belong
to us whether of our own kindred or strangers to the object of
thy care and kindness - and partakers of thy rich grace in
Jesus Christ. We would desire to thank thee that so many
whom we love are seeking the pearl of great price. May
they be directed to him who invites the weary and heavy
laden to come to him for rest. May we all be enabled to
count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of
Christ Jesus our Lord, and consider no sacrifice or suffering
too great, if we may thereby testify our unswerving obedience
and attachment to thee. We pray for a double portion
of thy Spirit to descend upon the ministers of thy gospel.
May they spend much time in rest, wrestling with God for
a blessing on their labours and may they be directed to such
measures as shall result in the promotion of thy glory and
the salvation of souls. Pity and we pray thee to all
uncharitableness - exclusiveness, and every thing which shall
~~breast the spirit of the gospel~~ ^{and bigotry, and licentiousness} and is inconsistent with the
gospel of Christ. We desire to look to thee for the accomplish-
ment of thy promises. ^{wait upon} Help us to claim them before thee at this
time. Thou has said, (I will bring near my righteous ones.
It shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry, and I
will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory. O thou afflicted,
toped with tempests and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones
with fair colours, and thy foundations with sapphires.
Beautiful for situation the joy of the whole earth is moved
in Zion. Arise shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord
is risen upon thee. The sun shall be no more thy light by
day, neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto
thee. The gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings
thy glory, and thou shalt be called by a new name which the
mouth of the Lord shall name. The people shall be all righteous,
they shall inherit the land forever. Look O thou God of
heaven, upon our fallen race. Behold the stripes and contumelies
which fill our world with misery and ~~grief~~ ^{anguish}. Will thou
not interpose? Hast thou forgotten to be gracious? - we delight
to dwell upon the animating assurances of thy
word that men shall beat their swords into plough shares, and
their spears into pruning hooks, and learn war no more. We
hope the time is not far distant when the Prince of Peace
shall reign universally - and as an introduction to this

Sept. 30th I have been to Men again to attend worship. After the service
a funeral sermon at Levent. We have heard two excellent sermons
from Mr Stearns; in the morning from "Galatians," entitled Christ
formed within you. This afternoon from last chapter of
James, The effectual prayer wrought fervent prayers of of
righteous man availeth much. May God accompany
his own truths with the influences of his own Spirit.
How much wit and religion! O thou God of grace
awaken them who are asleep, pluck sinners as brand
from the burning. O how shall I ever praise thee as
I ought that thou hast so far restored my health
and reason. The only return I can make must be in
thy strength. The only return I desire to make is to
devote my power and faculty, my thought and
action to the promotion of thy kingdom and glory.
Praised be thy name for all that is lovely and desirable
in our dear children, if they have entered the lists for
the unfading crown, give them strength to persevere.
and may they all come off conquerors, thro' him
who hath loved us and given himself for us. Our anxiety
is excited for our dear Theophilus. O thou Physician
of soul and body, give efficacy to the means used to
restore his health, let not this sickness be unto death
but to the glory of thy name and the good of his soul.
direct a sinner and keep us all thro' faith unto salvation.
Oct. 1st This is Bethin's birthday. I have observed the birth days of all
our children this year by denying myself breakfast, and endeavour-
ing to spend some time in secret prayer, during the forenoon. I
know my services are feeble imperfect polluted - and were
it not for the encouragements held out in the bible, I
could never dare to hope for audience, or that my offerings
could be acceptable to perfect purity - but the examples
of the efficacy of fasting and prayer ~~recorded~~ in scrip-
-ture are sufficient - and I desire to follow in some mea-
-sure the manner, those who thro' faith and patience inherit
the promises. May the Holy Spirit incline me to be active
diligent persevering always abounding in the work of the Lord.
We have all been to the house of God in company.

and all of our own family excepting Frederic, have been per-
mitted to commemorate the death of our Lord and Saviour.
I wish I could render a tribute of gratitude equal to the
blessings I have received, I long to serve thee O my God and
my Saviour, with entire undivided, undiverted affection,
without sin, doubt or unbelief; ~~long~~ there is such a state
upon which the righteous shall enter.

"But ah! a chasm yawns between
Extends its awful gloom;
Dear shades to hide the distant scene,
The horrors of the tomb.
O for the eye of faith divine,
To pierce beyond the grave
To see that friend and call him near
Whose arm is strong to save!"

I pray for more zeal, more of the spirit of Christ, to assist me
in forming plans, and in executing them, which shall promote
the interests of Christ's Kingdom. I thank God that I have
been enabled to communicate my wishes to a Christian
friend, respecting holding meetings for prayer in Nov-
ember at the commencement of more zealous efforts in the
cause of the Redeemer. I wish to ask Mr. Stearns if
we may not have Deacons appointed in our church,
I wish also to exhort Helen to make arrangements to
attend family worship. to be forward and remove all
obstacles. Mr. Stearns preached this morning from the
parable of the unjust steward. on the importance of
watchfulness in religion, this afternoon Mr. H. preached
from the word did not our hearts burn within us &c.
I wish to call on Mrs. Atthorp and lead her to express
her feelings upon the subject of religion she was much
affected with the marriage sermon. may a blessing follow.
And now I desire to go forth to the duties of life with new
strength and vigour - having and doing all they will, with
a constant reference to the day of final account. I pray for
my husband and children animate as all to fidelity in
thy service and may we all be prepared for a peaceful
death and the purity and peace of heaven thro' Christ
our Lord amen.

Oct. 14th. - Frederic and I staid at home all day - Edward and Sarah
also this afternoon. Mr. H. - gone to preach and administer the
ordinance of the Lord's supper at Heath. the rest of the family
went to Ken to worship. - William came home last night, and
walked over today and returned. Mr. Thorns preached two very
edifying discourses. one upon the Lord's prayer, and one
upon the being and perfections of God. - Let me call on
my soul to praise God for giving us such a minister.
and let us all by our prayers example and in every
other way, endeavour to strengthen his hands, and
encourage and assist him in his arduous work. -
Last Thursday was my husband's birth day I endeavoured
to observe it as I have the birth-days of our children.
the Lord hear and answer my imperfect petitions. Last
evening and this morning felt alarmed about Theophylus
but endeavoured to compose my mind into a submissive
frame, prayed earnestly for divine assistance in
this point. - two mornings last week, I arose between
three and four o'clock, and spent an hour or more
in silent prayer. I have to rise, as my Saviour
did, a great while before day and retiring to a
solitary place pour out my heart in prayer.
O I should love and practise it more, if I were more
like him, if I had more of his devotion zeal and
benevolence. - but I am almost ashamed to say I wish
to be like him - so much of distrust, doubt, ^{and fear} ~~and~~ ^{ought} ~~ought~~ not to be harboured in a christian bosom.
O my Father pity me, pardon, purify and save
me. strengthen within me every good disposition, &
very right purpose, and help me to strive constantly
to be perfect as our Father in heaven is
perfect. Shine earthly sabbaths Lord we love
But there's a nobler rest above
To that our longing souls aspire.
with ardent hearts of strong desire.
Frederic devoted the forenoon to instructing Benjamin
may he thus early become a teacher of righteous men, &
learn to win souls to Christ.

I desire to thank God that he enabled me to urge
Frederic to be instant in prayer, to pray for guidance
with regard to coming to the Lord's ~~table~~ ^{supper} - and to watch
and pray against his easily besetting sins. This
evening I was able to speak to Sarah also with
regard to prayer. may the Spirit of God apply what
was said to the heart and conscience. Give me
I pray thee O God a spirit of prayer that I may
intercede for my minister and for his people.
Let thy word by him dispensed become sharper than
a two edged sword - arise in thy majesty, and subdue
the hearts of the stupid and worldly, and thou shalt
let not the ways of thy iniquitous become so few
come to her solemn feasts. but out of the mouths
of babes with their perfect praise.

Last Wednesday Bethia Mary and I met some
friends at Charles - among others our beloved Mr. A.
Thompson and his wife - how sweet is the intercourse
with christian friends - on Friday Mr. Sabin two
Miss Billings and Miss Adams drank tea and spent
the evening here. were much gratified to find so
much liberality and christian feeling. Should we
not find more than we expect if we had more
intercourse with our friends, - Today I have
been writing a letter to Dwight Smith, who has
been sick several weeks. I copied it in haste
from a line in the whole duty of man. Pray
the Spirit of God make it useful to him.
Without this Spirit all effort is vain.

Nov. 4th Sabbath evening - Today our children attended worship at
N. Y. - Mr. H. went to Gladly - Frederic B. and I stayed
at home. Mr. Thompson preached at N. Y. Frederic taught little
B. very diligently - may the truths thus imparted
and received be made highly salutary to both. I hope
our dear Theophilus is gaining - may our gratitude be
in some measure proportioned to the mercies we receive

Last Tuesday, William and Bethia returned from Lebanon where they had been visiting, had a pleasant journey, the Lord prospering them. Yesterday Charles and Helen drank tea here and brought ~~Frank~~ ^{Frank} with them. Bethia, Mary and I have concluded to spend an afternoon and evening week in working for charitable purposes - and if nothing happens to prevent we intend it shall be Friday after ~~our~~ ^{our} prayer meeting. - I have not yet said any thing to our sons about uniting in prayer - Lord pardon my remissness - and make me & my Father to more actively now love and trust and grieve in thy service. The time is short. suffer me give me to know more of thee O God, acquaint me thy Son whom to know aright is eternal life - help me to prize thee for all that is lovely and amiable in my children - every good gift and every perfect gift cometh down from the Father of lights - let us all be made wiser and better - forgive I pray thee the sins I have this day committed, and my children also, and may we all be

Nov. 18th We have again had the privilege of hearing our dear minister preach, in the morning from these words is Christ divided? - endeavoring to persuade us to have charity for those who differ from us; we should be cautious about accusing those of opposite sentiments, with believing things which they themselves disavow - and strive to regard all mankind as children of the same Father. This afternoon the text was in Psalms 122 - 1st verse. I was glad when they said unto me come and let us go &c - the anniversary of his ordination. He urged all to attend to the various parts of religious worship with becoming interest and as he had been led by the return of this season to examine himself, whether he had followed the course which he marked out for himself, he felt constrained to stir up his people, and exhort them fidelity in the use of the advantages with which they were favoured. - Theophilus and Mary stayed at home. In the afternoon

went to Deerfield for medicine for Theophilus, has not
returned. Still anxious for this dear son, as to what
may be the result of this sickness. I had hoped cer-
tainly I ought to praise God that he has excited in
him an earnest desire for salvation, that he has
inclined him to dedicate himself thee, and come
to the table of the Lord - truly I have great reason
to hope he is a sincere seeker after the kingdom of
heaven. Will thou not hear my prayer for him,
that he may be restored to health, if consistent with
thy will - but above all that he and all of us may
be prepared for the sufferings which await us here
for the solemn work of death, and to move thee more
heavily and perfectly in the kingdom of glory. Last
Wednesday I visited widow Olive Smith. Had I think
most communion with her upon the things of the
kingdom, hope I said nothing to injure the cause
or my own soul. Mary spent a week at Charles'
Lord if it be thy will. Bethia had an ill time Tuesday
but was better the next day. So true is it, that when
God pleases sorrow may endure for a night but joy
cometh in the morning - I wish to prepare some offering
to God for the ensuing thanksgiving, thus the Lord
around us. May the Holy Spirit direct and assist
me to do it. How fast life wears away - & for more
assurance that all shall be well for eternity - Give
me more faith love hope, trust in God - realising
views of the fulness there is in Christ. - I now desire
to commit to thee all that I am and have - bringing
thee to accept of me and all mine, and so to
guide us here that we may dwell with thee forever
only thro' the intercession of him whom thou always
hear'st, to whom be glory and honour dominion &
praise forever amen -

Nov. 28th - Yes it is the evening before thanksgiving, and I would
downtily raise my affections to thee & those bests hast
aid me along thus far in much mercy. I pray that

my thoughts may be employed in such a manner as
that my life may in future be more agreeable to thy
will. Help me to recount thy mercies, and may thy
own spirit give me such exercises as thou wilt
approve. I have from the hearts of all thy people
an acceptable offering, and may we be accepted in
the great Redeemer's name.

Nov. 30th Yesterday was thanksgiving. Our family all attended meeting
excepting Oliver Benjamin and my self. Theodore went to Hingham
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Mr. Stearns preached
after dinner we had a sermon read from these words,
or desirous that thou be not knowing that the goodness of God
leadeth thee to repentance. very after our family worship was
over, John Phelps and his wife came, and left us since dinner
to day. I am rejoiced to find a great alteration in his appear-
ance, his wife seems like a christian, and has great hope
for him - may the best of blessings from heaven attend him
and all his and fit us for that state where there is no, in
nor sorrow nor separation. Charles and Helen and little Frances
Wednesday night and do not expect to leave us till tomorrow
morning when one of the girls will probably go home with them
~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~one~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~girls~~ ~~will~~ ~~probably~~ ~~go~~ ~~home~~ ~~with~~ ~~them~~
with Austin Edwards clerk. O Lord have him ever in thy
merciful keeping - and preserve him especially from sin.
and bring them home in peace. I have endeavoured to call
to mind the goodness of God - but have not had the time
for retirement which I hoped for. I would not fail to acknow-
ledge the divine goodness in so far removing the distressing
malady under which I laboured, & that my returning com-
posure and ease and health and strength may be all devoted
to thee O God who art the health of my countenance
and my God - my anxieties are still awake for theophiles -
and I still bring him to thy mercy seat praying for relief
from his disease, that thou wilt be pleased to direct to &
stop the means, or work without means, both are easy to
allmighty power. but above all give him a calm, contented
submissive spirit wholly devoted to thee and glowing in all
thy dealings. I have endeavoured to notice with gratitude
the goodness of God to my dear children who are departed as I hope
in the Lord - that they were in a manner prepared for their great
change may all of us become followers of them who thou faith

and patience inherit the promises. But O my Father, how much do I need thy quickening influence - my poor mind is dark, and there seems a shade thrown over the bright of shining prospects which delight and animate the people of God. Doubt, gloomy doubt, passively forebodings disturb my peace - "O for an overruling faith!"

"To credit what the Almighty saith!"

Life is wearing rapidly away; arise and prepare thee O my soul, for the coming of thy Lord. work while the day lasts, and leave all thy concerns with him who hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. This is the stated hour of for our united prayers. For give this omission and let us always submit to be our highest privilege to wait at thy footstool. - O Lord hear - O Lord forgive, O Lord hear and show mercy for Jesus sake.

Dec. 9th Sabbath afternoon. When Charles and Helen went home a week ago yesterday, I went with them, to have my teeth altered. The day after was the celebration of the Lord's supper - and all went over excepting Mr. H. and Benjamin. Mr. Stuart's text was in Corinthians, we are all partakers of that one bread - in the afternoon. The fruit of the Spirit is - meekness - recommending kindness. I staid with my children till Wednesday night, when brother, Helen and Martha visited there, and Thursday carried me home. Before night on the Sabbath Charles read a sermon of Bourd's, & a prayer at the end of the sermon. But I do not feel satisfied. It is my earnest prayer, that before little Francis comes old enough to notice the change, he will commence the delightful and important duty of family worship. I know it is in vain to exhort and urge. The Spirit of God alone can exalt to all good resolutions and worthy deeds. - yesterday I fasted till noon, and offered up fervent petitions, pleading that God would effect this change in him, and also that he would bless to the eternal good of our dear Theophilus his afflictive visitation in depriving him of health, and not leave him to suffer without the support and comfort of thy spirit and word. He is now detained on a journey by the rain, heavenly Father send him a blessing from thy presence. I also remembered particularly in my prayers our dear Godwin. My hope for my children and myself is all built upon the promises of thy word - I would plead before thee thy covenant faithfulness, thy mercy to multitudes who have gone to heaven, and pray that all this dear family may be remembered with thy chosen in glory everlasting. I mentioned

to Helen our plan for working for charity - and also our reason
for prayer. She proposed to write with us. Help us all to
pray and so to give as to honour thee, and promote our own
improvement and that of others also. The rain prevents our
attendance on public worship. How thankful should we be that
God is not confined to temples made with hands, but that
whenever there is a humble contrite heart, there is a dwelling
which God loves to inhabit.

Dec. 24th About a week since we had a letter from Mr. Fisher inform-
ing us that he and a few others had formed a new society, and
were desirous of obtaining a liberal a minister who should
follow a middle course between what he calls the new lights
and those who believe that all are safe. Let them live as
they will. Before went to Oswego more than a year since
I was very anxious that the journey might be made
useful to some souls; I was reluctant to have so much
expense on my account merely - and in order that
there might be some good effects follow, I made it a
rule, as I entered every house, to raise my desires
of his countenance, ~~that as~~ blessing on the family which
inhabited it. Doubtless I failed sometimes, but this was
my desire and endeavour. I also took along some tracts
that I hoped might be profitable. Since that time
Mr. Fisher has been more attentive to the study of
the bible than formerly; in order to ascertain the
truth of certain doctrines. Perhaps the treatment
which Mr. T. received had a tendency to excite
in Mr. F.'s mind some doubt as to the correctness
of the prevailing opinions. I pray that no evil
consequences may follow. but that the Lord will
mercifully provide for their instruction and im-
provement, in religious faith and practice. Bethia
has been staying with Charles and Helen almost a
fortnight; may the visit be profitable to all.
Last the first sabbath in this month, when the Lord's
supper was celebrated, I gave into Mr. Stearns hand
two dollars. that he might become a member of the

leave society for one year. This money I save by
denying myself the use of sugar in my tea and
coffee for a year. I hope I do it not from a desire
to make a show, but from a real desire to honour
and resemble him, ~~whom~~ who came from heaven
to establish by his humiliation, self denial and
death, the kingdom of righteousness and peace on
earth. If I long for any thing, I think I can say
it is that I may follow more closely in the steps
of this glorious leader. - Tomorrow is celebrated by
many as the day when he was born - and laid in
the manger. may we of this family employ our
thoughts on this inspiring theme, and gratefully
join in the anthem of the heavenly host, saying
glory to God in the highest on earth peace good will
to men.

Jan. 5th Saturday evening - Another year has gone, and its record is
completed in the view of infinite wisdom purity and love.
I have endeavored to look back upon some of the
events of the past year, in order to awaken my grati-
tude to God and strengthen my hope in his mercy
and my desire to honour and serve him. My sweet heart
so wonderfully improved calls for the most unfeigned
praise. The self dedication of six of our dear children
and the wife of one of them and also of the girl who
has been brought up with us is surely cause for
unceasing praise to him who is the Author of all
holy dispositions and virtuous conduct. And may
I not render hearty thanks to the same Being
that he has so kindly dealt with us in regard to
our beloved son who has been removed from us.
I thank thee that thou didst give him such a desire
to do thy will, and for the witness he has left behind
him that he had the good hope of the gospel - for the
virtues of his life and the comfort and faith
which he manifested in his death & that a double

portion of his piety and christian zeal might descend
upon us who survive. Two of our number I hope
are employed in sublimer and purer services than
we can render or conceive of - may it be our constant
care to follow them as far as they followed Christ, and
making his example our standard to keep on ward thro'
the little that remains of our pilgrimage on earth.
Today I have been fasting till noon in account of
Theophilus; oppressed with disease my heart is pained
for him. I endeavoured to offer up fervent petitions
repeatedly that he might have a truly submissive
temper, wholly resigned and thankful, that if
consistent with thy designs he may again enjoy
health, live to be useful in the world, to become more
entirely holy, and that we may all be prepared for
all thy will in life death and eternity. By these
feeble attempts, I know I cannot merit any thing,
but I desire to testify my sense of dependence on
thine aid, and ~~thy~~ sincerity with which I seek thy favour
Banish from my mind all such things as unbelief
doubt fear, and distrust - confirm us all in the
faith and hopes of the gospel, and as we enter on
this new year may we all be solemnly impressed
with a sense of the importance of passing shewing
our time in such a manner, that if this should
be our last year, we may have nothing to regret
in leaving this world, but find a joyful admittance
to that world of peace and purity where sin and
death can never come. Today Mr H. went to
South bridge to preach tomorrow. William carried
Mary to N. to stay a few days with Charles and
Helen. May the coming sabbath be made a day
of wonders on earth and joy in heaven - for Jesus sake.
Jan. 6th Sabbath evening. Theophilus Frederic and I went to N.
heard Mr. Stans preach from Romans 7th. For the good that
I would I do not, but the will that I would not, that I do.

Our evil propensities cause a continual struggle, and even
if not for this conflict, this state would cease to be a state of
probation. Our Maker regards us with approbation, accord-
ing to the strength which we put forth, in resisting
evil, or accomplishing good. The good man is he who
sincerely and steadfastly desires and endeavours to do
his whole duty. We ought not to be discouraged, be-
cause we fail in our attempts - mourn over our fail-
ings and imperfections we must - sinning and repenting
seems to be the business of the christian's life, but we
should never be discouraged. If an eminent saint and
Paul complained of a law in his members warring
against the law in his mind &c. - we need not be cast
down - the same grace that triumphed in him
may give us the victory. For there is no condemna-
tion to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not
after the flesh but after the spirit. This afternoon the
text was in 122 Psalm, I was glad when the said unto
me, come and let us go unto the house of the Lord -
The motives feelings and conduct of the christian
congregation explained - The great business or object
we have in view in attending public worship, is
to improve our characters, to become perfect as our
Father who is in heaven is perfect. to this end we
should leave the world behind us when we pass
the threshold of the house consecrated to the service
of God. we should join heartily in the praises &
prayers, and attend diligently to the instruction
of the word; ministers are encouraged or discouraged
according as their ^{hearers} discover a humble attention
mind, or manifest ~~an~~ spirit of levity or indifference.
We went to Charles's at noon - felt well. Theophylus
more comfortable than he was two or three days ago.
Now O Father, ~~render~~ ^{render} the sins of all this family
up to go forth to the duties and trials of life, and ~~bring~~
to meet at last in thy blessed presence with joy for Christ's sake.

Jan^y 7th It has been proposed to observe this as a day of fasting & prayer
that God would be pleased to hasten the time when his gospel
shall every where be known and obeyed & when the whole world
shall become united. I have endeavoured to notice the day
in some suitable manner. Besides the ordinary restrictions of
the day I have abstained from food since yesterday at sunset
it is now between three and four, and I desire to close the
solemnities of the occasion with the most heartfelt gratitude
that I have been inclined to keep the day, and that I have
been supported and strengthened thro' its labours, and
privations. for I did not think it best to cease my usual
work. I have retired once and again to present my
supplication before God for myself my family, my friends
our religious society - the church of God, our beloved
country thoughtless sinners and the world of mankind.
A thousand searches of hearts thou knowest whether I have
done this from right motives. If not pardon and purify
me, but may I not hope that this declaration of thy
word may be fulfilled, "while they are yet speaking I will
hear." O Lord hear O Lord hearken and do for thy name's
sake O Lord and the sake of thy beloved son in whom thou
art ever well pleased. Assist me I pray thee once more to
look into thy word, and to look up to thy throne in the
heavens, and be pleased to change my mental vision that
I may see wondrous things out of thy law - and have some
partake of that peace which they enjoy whose minds are
stayed on thee.

Jan. 13th 1833. This blessed Sabbath I and my Daughters stay at home
for want of a conveyance. Mr H. still absent. Theodore and
Frederic gone to Ann. Edward and William gone to Hadley.
E. and S. - to Hadley. Theophilus walked to the Mill, this morning
at home this afternoon. yesterday Mary returned from Ann
expecting to go back today - she gave information that
gave me "more joy than they have, whose corn and wine
and oil are increased." For years I have been desiring
a certain thing of the Lord - it has been my prayer
day and night - in sickness and in health - and when
the terror of God's wrath hung over me, and I feared
"his mercy was clean gone forever" - I did not cease to weep
- the, and pour out my tears in behalf of this child. At

Christ might be formed in his soul the hope of glory, and that
he might by acknowledging God in his family give more
evidence that he is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. And
now, tho' these acts of duty are no sure criterion by which to
judge of the heart, yet as I have had such an earnest desire
for this very thing, I do wish to testify my gratitude
to my kind and merciful Father - ought I not to call on
his great and holy name. I have hoped in him, as a
prayer begging God. Last evening after pouring out
my thanks to this Author of all my mercies, I felt
if I could buy for an angel's tongue and eternal dura-
tion to testify my gratitude for all the blessings of
a spiritual nature which have been bestowed on me &
of the Holy Spirit, to enable to live henceforth in such
a manner as to show forth the honour of his greatness.

Feb. 5th 1833 - Last sabbath the Lord's table was spread, and I and my brethren
and children all excepting F. and Mrs. Fisher were present to partake
of the ordinance. I hope the Lord will incline the heart of this
my youngest child ere long to enter into this solemn engagement
and thus separate himself from an unbelieving world. To thy
guidance and influence, heavenly Father, I commit and commend
him, knowing that whosoever thou bledest is blessed indeed.

Last Monday was my birth day 54 years since my existence
began. I endeavoured to recollect with grateful acknowledgments
the mercies of my infancy and youth and riper years, but
it is a subject which is utterly bound up - and my heart
fails when I even attempt to remember the unceasing good-
ness which has crowned my days. I intended to have fasted
till night - but fearing that my strength would fail, I contin-
ued only till noon - I endeavour repeatedly to cry earnestly
to God for his spirit to guide me thro' the short period of
life that remains - that I might be useful to my family
and others but especially that we may all be prepared
for a peaceful death and a pure and holy heaven. I
endeavour'd also to remember in my petitions the destitute
peoples in our great cities - the infidels in our land, all
the inhabitants of our land and the world - the Lord forgive
all that was sinful in my prayers then and at all times - This week
William and Mary have both been unwell with cold - but are getting better.

The Lord make us truly thankful, for this as also for the favour shown to Theophilus who has been much relieved for two or three weeks. In view of all the blessings flowing in upon us I have often enquired what I shall render to the Lord for all his benefits. I would add another to the many requests which I am daily offering to the merciful Father - that I may be able in some way to testify my gratitude to the Author of all my blessings. - Bethia had company Tuesday - yesterday Charles and Helen and I - drank tea here. They came just in time to ~~interrupt~~ prevent our prayer meeting.

^{Sabbath}
^{Feb. 10} Today most of us attended church at N. heard our beloved minister. In the morning his sermon was on these words, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Deep solicitation upon the subject of our future happiness is highly proper. 1st It is grounded on our belief in God. 2^{dly} in our belief of a future life. 3^{dly} on our position as disciples under the divine government. 4^{thly} on the claims of the gospel. He concluded with an animated and eloquent exhortation, to those who had hitherto remained careless to engage immediately in the great work of preparation for eternal life and happiness. - This afternoon the text was "grow in grace". There can be no religion without improvement - and we should never feel satisfied unless every day witnesses our advancement in whole life. - William Bethia and Mary staid at home. Some of them really sick but all ailing - may these infirmities work in them the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

I was much comforted when we had company last week, by some conversation with Maria Dickinson. It is truly pleasant to find in those whom we respect, a similarity of feeling. This christian communion, is one of the purest sources of happiness which we are permitted to taste on earth. I desire to cultivate it more than I have heretofore. among those who were the friends of my youth - as far as they will encourage it. - My mind is still in a dark and

The idea of Death is gloomy, and this at times for a moment
I can hope for a brighter scene, and almost long for
honest poverty and leave yet I hardly dare trust in any
of these feelings as evidence of a safe state - ~~may~~ I am
almost afraid of my own thoughts - afraid that all my
hopes of salvation are imaginary - Lord pity me and
pardon me - and hear a poor beggar, that waits at thy
footstool day and night, seeking spiritual blessings
for herself her family the church and the world
thru' the intercession of our great High Priest - whose
instruction and example, she considers it her highest
privilege and honour to imitate and follow -

Feb. 17th Sabbath evening - Phoebe Mary and I went to N. on board
Mr. Stearns in the morning from 1st Mother - "repent for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand" This afternoon 15th John 8th
verse. "He who is my Father glorified if ye bear much fruit." -
Spent the intermission at Charles; all well. This evening all
are gone to brother's. Last Tuesday William went to N. on
and took the stage next morning for Boston. Thursday I
sent a letter to Mrs. Fisher - enclosing a sheet of Whitings
journal. ~~Thursday~~ Mr. H. and my self called at Doct. Browns
for the purpose of introducing social intercourse between us
for it seems unchristian for two ministers of the gospel
to live in the same town, and yet remain strangers.
That there bars to christian communion might be taken
away, and that those who really love the Lord Jesus
might love one another with a pure heart fervently,
and make it manifest that they are both seeking
the same heaven of peace and love. - Friday Phoebe
and I went to ~~Phoebe~~ Dickinson's - found her poorly
may the spirit of God strengthen her declining years and
prepare her for a happy release from mortality.
Returned in time for our prayer meeting. Yesterday Mr.
H. went to Southbridge we had letters from William &
John Willard - And now O Father keep us this week - and
thru' his life and bring us and all that we love to thy blessed
presence at last thro' Jesus Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Dec 24th Thibodeau and I went to meeting at N. M. heard Mr. Stearns in the morning from these words, all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you &c. The rule is practicable, - - and approved itself to the Dictator of consciences, in the afternoon, the text was the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth and - a description of a devout and ~~holy~~ character.

March 3rd In our review of the Quaker names we stain at home all but Edward and St. who went to Hatfield this afternoon - and Helen and Frances came over yesterday, Charles took these and went home leaving wife and child for better going - and forgive the sins of all this family - and let there be much fruit from the rev. of truth this day soon - hear nothing more from W. the Lord preserve him and all of us to his heavenly glory.

March 11th The same day of the month that Theophilus was born the not the same month - and on account of the declining state of his health, I determined to keep this as a day of fasting and special prayer. not so much that his life may be prolonged, tho' for this I would ask, but that he and all of us may be prepared, for whatever shall be the event of this sickness. I have repeatedly laid his case before the merciful Father this day - and have endeavoured to wrestle with a prayer hearing God - I have brought in a particular manner the divine support for us all, whenever we may be called to pass the valley of the shadow of death. if in the services of this day I have done any thing acceptable, to thy name be the glory - and may the sins of this day be blotted out thro' the intercession of the great High Priest - the examples we have in the bible of the efficacy of prayer and fasting have encouraged me to begin the practice on the birth days of my children, the Lord help me to be faithful. yesterday Bethia Edward & Andrew went to meeting at N. M. heard Mr. Stearns from these words, whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point he is guilty of all - ~~and~~ ^{suppression} who indulges himself in any known vice, has no claim to the christian character. also, for the Father himself taught the world and sheweth him all things that himself doeth - Christ the greatest manifestation of God that has ever been made to the world. - Therefore went to Hatfield heard Mr. Worcester from & except there abide in the spirit we cannot be saved.

Thursday Mr H. Throphilus and Mary left us for Troy arrived there
Friday night, ~~left~~ Mary and set out for home, Saturday morn-
ing, reached home last evening. - While they were gone I
was much disturbed with trembling and anxiety on account
of Throphilus. - O how help my weak faith - save me from
this distrust - enable me to rest on the rock of ages. -
While I now attempt one more to address the God of all
grace, may I find acceptance thro' Jesus Christ.

March 17th Today Bethia and I stay at home. In the morning Mr H. and I
went to hear Dr. Brown. Throphilus to Mr. - Dressed Thedora and
Cherise at the bath. I looked over some pamphlets to send to Eliza-
visited her last week, endeavoured to keep upon her the importance
of devoting herself and her child to God and of training it up in
the right way - left her Williston's add. to Parents - the Lord add
his blessing - yesterday we had a letter from Mary, in which she
displays her former anxieties and apprehensions - finding with how
much courage she has formed the journey I had great hopes that
she might continue comfortable. But Infinite wisdom can
direct all things, and will order all events for his own glory.
I beseech O Father that these afflictions, which for the present
are not joyous but grievous, may yield the peaceable
fruit of righteousness. Support her O thou who hast said I will
never leave thee nor forsake thee. Say unto her Daughter
be of good comfort, thy sins are forgiven thee. This
afternoon I have been reading two sermons in Dwight's Theology,
one on Peace of conscience, another on joy in the Holy Ghost.

The Christian enjoys a divine peace throughout the whole
course of his life, and "in death that melancholy and distress-
ing day to the wicked, his eye penetrates the gloom, and describes
the glorious morning which dawns beyond it. On the other side of
this narrow gloomy valley, spreads a world of peace, where no storm
ever blows, no enemy ever invades, no danger ever threatens.
There all are friends. God is his friend. Christ is his friend.
and none but his friends are found among the innumerable
company of angels at the general assembly of the first born."

My mind has been more comforted with regard to Throphilus for
a few days past. O God of grace strengthen me with might
in the inner man, and may all of this family be preserved
by patient continuance in well doing, for glory and honour
and in glorifying thro' Jesus Christ our Lord - and may the
whole earth be filled with thy glory -

March 18th This is Theodore's birth-day. I began in the morning early to seek
supplies of grace for the day. Deny I myself the customary refresh-
ment at breakfast, taking nothing but a piece of dry bread &
some coffee. at nine o'clock endeavoured to plead with earnest-
ness as usual for myself ~~my~~ family friends and the world,
particularly for him who this day twenty years ago, first
saw the light - ~~and~~ ^{recalled} the signal interposition of Providence
in my case; acknowledged the kind hand of God which formed
me and him, and has brought us thus far; especially noticed
the the goodness of God in preserving him from vice and
open transgression, and in disposing him in so great a
measure to walk in his ways, and obey his will.
At twelve attempted again to plead for the blessings of grace for
him that he may be employed in the service of Jesus Christ
in this world, and at death be admitted to higher and more
noble employments in heaven. I should have continued the
abstinence thro' the day, but feared to excite observation.
Heavenly Father, hear my poor feeble petitions, accept my
imperfect services, and strengthen us all to live wholly to thee
in future thro' Jesus Christ our great Redeemer.

On this birth-day morn I met thee But shall earthly gain beguiling
Having pass'd another year, Fix thy fond desiring heart?
Let a mother's blessing greet thee And for this incessant toiling
bought from heaven with least sinew Will thou love the bitter part?
Twenty summer suns have e'er thee upward turn thy longing vision
Shed their friendly gladdening rays Earth's low cares and joys disdaining
And in hope spread out before thee Firmly fix'd on God and heaven
Precious useful happy days. Let thy hopes unmoved remain

March 24th An account of the bad state of the roads we stay at
home. Edward and Theodore went to the mills this morning
and heard Mr Gould. On being called out of darkness into light.
I have been reading some sermons in Dwight's Theology -
one on the effects of benevolence on personal happiness.
What an evidence of regeneration, and part of a sermon on
brotherly love. From all which, I am encouraged to hope
that a work is begun in my soul which will be perfect-
ed in higher state. I have been greatly vexed with doubts
not only of my own piety, but have had the most desolating

fear and doubts with respect to the truths of religion, so that at times I seemed to be completely miserable, given over to satan that he might sift me as wheat. These devices have been subsiding gradually for more than a year, but even now the remembrance of them at times gives a sensation of fear and distrust, wholly at variance with that filial confidence which is the believers life. I often think that the difference of feeling which exists in my mind ^{now} from those which predominated two years ago, is as great as could be occasioned by satan's departing from me, and another ministration of angels succeeding. I am sure I do not as ought, think of the Divine goodness in thus sending me relief. In opening to my view the glorious hopes of immortality, and in giving me that hungering and thirsting for righteousness, to which the promise is annexed. I fear I am growing slack in self denying efforts to do good. Through this cold winter I have rarely visited the poor and the vicious. The Lord help me to begin with this resolving smiling season, with renewed zeal to do good. This rod has lain heavily upon me. twice has he carried me to the opening grave, there to deposit all that remained to me of the most amiable affectionate and dutiful children. And what was the language of these dispensations? Die and depart, this is not thy rest it is polluted. flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Through much tribulation we enter into the kingdom. The time is short.

These solemn truths I would bear about with me in all my waking moments, and by them be excited to follow those who thro' faith and patience are inheriting the promises. Had a letter last night from Mary, she seems more contented. Thanks to the Lord. Theophilus left us last Tuesday for Lebanon fairly for his health. God grant a shipping to all the means used for this purpose. but above all prepare each of this dear family to unite in that blessed word of light, peace and peace in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb for ever amen.

March 31st 1833. Sabbath. morn. We have all been to N. today
to attend worship. ~~meeting~~ Throphilus Eliza and Bern. I
heard Mr. Fessenden in the morning from these words,
"think not that I am come to send peace on the earth.
I came not to send peace but a sword." - This idea
seemed to be that the scenes of blood here alluded to,
were those which followed immediately after the
introduction of Christianity, in which the multi-
tudes of Jews were slain, their city and temple
destroyed and their land made desolate, and that
these events were necessary to make way for a
new state of morals - As medicine in its imme-
diate effect is often painful, but afterward salutary
and production of great good. This afternoon the
discourse was from these words, "And the Spirit of the
prophets are subject to the prophets. He inculcated
the duty of self government. From this sermon, &
one in Board volume which I read at Charles's
in the intermission I conclude that I ought to
guard against a harsh way of reproof. E. & B.
and all whom I have occasion to reprove. & endeavor
ever to speak the truth in love. Yesterday I
had a most pleasant frame. Had very comfortable
thoughts of heaven, cheering views of Divine Provi-
dence, and a quiet confidence in the goodness of
God as made known in the Redeemer. In the
afternoon Brother and I call'd in widow Olive
Smith. She wanted me to come and spend two or
three hours with her before long. Had a letter
from William who seems in good health and spirits
for which I would praise the Lord. No news from
Mary. Throphilus returned from Lebanon Tuesday
before night, his health much improved. We as
they as we - A that our hearts might be suit-
ably affected by this signifying, and that we
might live in some degree answerably to our obligations.

April 7th 1833, Last Thursday was the annual Fast. Endeavored
to make a solemn dedication of myself to Him, who has been
the guide of my youth, and the preserver of my life hitherto.
Today we all went to N., excepting ~~Frederic~~ ^{Frederic} ~~and~~ ^{who had}
inflamed eyes, and Benjamin. The text this morning was
in Lam! "The Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh
on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the
heart." I have again been permitted with my dear family
to come around the table of the Lord, and partake of that
bread and cup, which represent the body and blood of the
great sacrificer. Mr. Stearns before administering the
ordinance urged upon all of us the duty being more
like our master, in manifesting more of his spirit, more
love to our fellow men, more forbearance, self denial,
more zeal, untiring zeal to benefit the souls of sinners.
I would now with gratitude notice the good work of God in
preserving us so far, and in giving us such a measure
of health as we enjoy, and in so far restoring health
and strength to Theophilus and Mary. O God of
mercy hear my earnest prayers, that the good work
which I hope thou hast begun in the hearts of this
dear family, may be carried on, and perfected in a better
world. Father of mercies cause thy work this day
dispensed to take deep root, and bear fruit to the
glory of thy great name. Remembering thy tokens of
thy favours, may we every future day be enquiring
how we may testify our gratitude, and with those
direct our hearts into the love of God, and help us
so to live that death may be to us the end of
sorrow and sin, and the entrance into heavenly peace
and eternal life.

April 10th This is Mary's birth day, and I have often raised my desires
to the mercy seat for spiritual blessings in her behalf. And now after
partaking of the bounty of God's Providence, while humbling my-
self before him and acknowledging our unworthiness of the great
mercy, may the Holy Spirit bear my poor services up to
the divine presence, and presented in the name of the great
Donor, may they be accepted and answered. —

Birth Day April 11th.

1
I'll try to write a simple verse,
For many, far away;
With hopes and wishes interspersed,
The greetings of the day.

2
But whence shall these my wishes spring,
And whither shall they tend?
Shall earth and time their treasures bring
Till mortal life shall end?

3
Shall health thy kind companion be
And strew thy way with flowers?
Bid sickness pain and languor flee,
And never thy drooping powers?

4
Not all these gifts so bright so fair,
My adoring wishes speak,
Thy reach beyond this sense of care,
When God's pure light shall break.

5
~~I'll seek the blessings of his grace,~~
For he I love so well,
That he may see his smiling face,
And in his presence dwell.

April 14th 1833. - I have again attended worship at N-m with Mr.
H. B. a. E. D. F. c and H. m. - heard Mr. Putnam from August-
ta claims, his text was in Romans, 1st chapter, 17th verse in
the morning, For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for
it is the power &c. - The gospel saves man him, by providing
and exhibiting a method in which sinners may be forgiven
if we confess our sin. God is faithful and just to forgive
our sins - the invitations and promises of the gospel are
abundant. It not only saves us from misery the certain
consequence of unrepented sin - but it holds up to our
view the glorious prospect of an endless life, and eternal
state of peace and purity. The most effectual way of
becoming like God is to contemplate his character to meditate
on those perfections which he has manifested in his word
and works, to think of his love and goodness to mankind
will make us also endeavour to do good to all -

And when we think of him infinite in power, we
shall feel strengthened for any noise or trial; when we
can feel that he is our Father, present to fully relieve
and bless us - and believing his word of promise, my
grace is sufficient for this, we become strong in the
grace which is in Christ Jesus. We heard twice
last week from Mary; the last letter expressed pain
and complaint. May the Lord support her, and save
her from all the trials thro which she is called to pass.
Therophilus continues comfortable - what shall I render
to the Lord for all his benefits - & that I would testify
by my sense of the mercy and kindness of God to
me and mine. Last Tuesday Charles and Helen told
F., Mr Pierce and Sally Mills made us a visit, I
felt rather low; I never feel happy when in company
with those who do not love to talk of religion. I am grieved
to hear Charles speak as he did of Doct. Humphreys.
I cannot but love and venerate praying men, and
women, and I mourn over that bigotry which
which can see nothing good in people who differ
from them in sentiment. A merciful God
forgive all our sins for Jesus sake.

April 29th Today I have staid at home with Benj. Endeavouring to
instruct him, but would not confine this duty to the sabbath;
may every day witness my efforts to train him in
the way he should go. If I know my own heart, I feel more
anxiety to have him a Christian, prepared for the great
company of the faithful in heaven, than to have him live
to be a help as to our work. The little orphan, whom
I have so long had my eye, is provided for, may God in-
cline those who have taken her, to do their duty to her
- that she may be fitted for a better world. If I have sinned
in neglecting to take her reasonably, be pleased to forgive
and make me more faithful in future. Mr. H. B.
T. and F. and F. went to N. - Mr Thomas preached, and
these words this afternoon and yet I am not alone because
the Father is with me. These Christians may feel alone as to
their sentiments and practice, they have their truths to

console and encourage them, the Father is with them.
Our blessed Lord was deserted by his disciples, in his last
conflict, and even suffered the hiding of his Father's
face for a season; but even then, an angel was sent to
strengthen him, as a proof sufficient that the powers
of darkness can never prevail against those who are
under divine protection. Read a sermon of Doct. Dwight
upon charity - and one also upon the means of grace,
and the necessity of divine influence. Theophiles, con-
tinues gaining, let us all endeavour to testify our
gratitude by more untiring zeal - humble meek, and
denying duty. Mary with again of her weakness,
and is anxious to return. Father of mercies, keep her
as the apple of thine eye. Hold her up, revive her
drooping spirits, strengthen her both in body and mind.
Let us all live daily as in view of heaven, so that
whether living or dying we may be thine.
Today I have been observing with unusual prayer, ^{and abstinence} as Edward's birth
Day; I have brought the Lord many times, to suit his mercies
to his condition. I have endeavoured with some suitable grati-
tude to notice the blessings which attended his birth and his
subsequent life, but above all those amiable and estimable
qualities which constitute in his character a resemblance
to our great pattern and Saviour. These I would ascribe
to the great Author of all good influence and ask with a desire
and earnest desire to be guided aright, what we shall render
to the Lord for all his benefits. In view of his present situation
broken up in business by the interference of an officious neigh-
bour, I would commit him and his concerns to thy wise and
merciful disposal. It is easy further to provide him a place
and business and means, so that he may not only gain
a support for himself, but be able to distribute to the needy
and to those who are destitute of the bread of life. I would
ask if consistent with the Divine purposes, that he may
find employment, where we can enjoy his society, and be
mutually blessing to each other. But the great object I have
in view and the all absorbing concern I feel, is that he may
be faithful to the interests of Christ's kingdom which consists
of righteousness and peace and joy for the Holy Spirit, so that
when the cares and labours of this life are over, we may all meet
in the temple above to go no more out thence. Jesus shall
be in union with her husband and

Lines written for Edward, enclosed in Whittings Bible, and
Design'd for his birth day-- April 25th

Accept this Bible. The whom fond embrace,
Held this precious treasure to his heart;
And in his life its bles'd truths displayed,
Now rest in peace beneath yon hallow'd turf,
Beside a loved and loving sister; grave
Close laid. both shaded by the willow boughs,
And shrubs and flowers, which mark with care the spot.
The beauteous form which held the ethereal flame
Has crumbled back to dust. The living soul
Join'd to its glorious ~~head~~ ^{head}, with energy
Which never wastes, and strength which never tires,
And love which never fails, serves and adores
Him whom we ever we love. Be ours the task
This brightning path to trace, his way pursue,
And thus his peaceful death and Heaven secure.

April 25th Today Bethia and I staid at home with Benja^m still
left as last Thursday to go after Mary, who has been
growing weaker, and has become unable to pursue
her studies. Father of the spirit of all flesh! Father
of our bodies and supporters of our lives! In all my
fears and anxieties I come to thee. For myself and
my children I would seek a refuge in thee. Trusting
in thy word of promise, I would approach thee.
Jesus our great Advocate, and forerunner, has
said "come unto me all ye that labour and
are heavy laden and I will give you rest."
The rest and peace which I seek is submission
to thy will entire confidence in thy wisdom
and goodness, and a good hope thro' grace. These
are the blessings I seek for myself and all mine;
and I ask them also for all mankind. I have try'd
to instruct B-^m, and recommended some duties to
I have try'd to perform religious duties, but have
felt rather languid and tired of Davies' sermons and
on the christian name. and on the text. God is love.

His love to his rational offspring makes it necessary
that in corrigible offenders should receive the punish-
ment which their sins deserve. -

May 5th 1833. Sabbath evening. We have heard Mr. Stearns today,
from these words in the morning. Tribulation worketh patience
&c. In the afternoon from Jeremiah 32-19th On the Omni-
-science of God. Mary and Frederic stayed at home with
Brij. We brought little Fanny home with us, on
account of their being about to remove to their own
house. I would notice the hand of Providence in
enabling them to have a residence, habitation of
their own. May they unseparate it by family
worship and all virtuous and holy conduct to
the bountiful Giver. I would notice with
heartfelt gratitude the goodness of God in so
far restoring to health our daughter Mary that
she has been able to return home, and able
to employ herself in active duty. May we
be constantly endeavouring to honour and serve
Him who is thus crowning our lives with his mercies.

May 8th This is the anniversary of ~~Mr.~~ Fisher's and our beloved Beth-
zine's birth; and I would not suffer it to pass, without the usual
notice. The latter I hope has escaped from sin and sorrow &
has become perfect in holiness. When I received her from
God, at first, it was with much suffering and danger. But
she was a precious gift, and I have reason to hope that
her repeated and severe sicknesses during her short life,
were made the means of preparing her for an early
death. My heart ought to overflow with gratitude that
she was just such a child as she was. And having such
a good hope concerning her, I have only to remember
her lovely example, and endeavour to imitate it as
far as she was a follower of Christ. For her sister
who is toiling and struggling still in this state of temp-
-tation and trial, I would supplicate the influences of the
Holy Spirit, that she may so discharge her various duties
that she may at length be admitted with her husband and

children to that great company which no man can number, where we hope many of our beloved friends are gone before, and where we pray that all dear to us may meet and rejoice, and know our God and Redeemer with zeal and activity which shall know no limit or end. - When I look back upon the way in which I have been led, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face in the sight of a pure and holy God. I am astonished that my evil example has not operated to draw my children down to destruction. So much defeat in my own temper, and in many manner of training them up, so much of error even when I was trying to do my best, these things make it appear almost a miracle that they are all so correct; so good so much as I could wish them. A Lord perfect that which is lacking in us all, and bring us all safe home to thy self thro' Jesus our Redeemer. -

May 12th I have had the privilege of again attending public worship at N. In the morning heard Mr. Thorns from Romans 8 chapters 9th verse. "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his." The spirit of Christ was manifested in 1st his disinterestedness, 2^{dly} in his peaceableness, 3^{dly} in his tolerances or mildness, 4^{thly} in his purity, 5^{thly} in his fidelity. ~~By these marks we~~ may come to some satisfactory conclusion with respect to our own state. Now I desire to be thankful that as he enumerated and enlarged upon the several particulars, I could indulge a hope that the same mind in some faint degree is in me that was also in Christ Jesus. Ashamed indeed I am of my great deficiencies. But surely I can say I hate every false way and his law do I love. This afternoon Doct. Nichols of Portland preached from the word 2^d Corinthians 4th & 5th. - Prent by manifestation

of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's con-
-science in the sight of God. The discourse seem'd to
have for its object to prove, that the tendency of the
gospel is sufficient evidence of its divine authority,
and that it is adapted to the wants ~~and capacities~~ of
every rational being to whom it is ~~ad. p. d.~~ applied. That
the powers with which we are formed are such as
qualify us for the reception of those truths which
are necessary to salvation and that these truths
are such as all can comprehend and receive and
practise, with the aid, of divine grace which are
to be derived from God thro' the instrumentality
of prayer and other appointed means. Mary and I
attended meeting stayed at the church, at noon, to
avoid profaning the sabbath - by talking over the
doings of the last week - as they had been moving
into their house. carried little Fanny home. went
little creature - amiable body - O may the blessed
Saviour fold her in the arms of his love and say
of such is the kingdom of heaven. Such I think
was our dear Catherine at her age. And now I hope
she is a glorified spirit - and employed in active
benevolence which while she was here was so much
her delight - William returned last evening, and
we have to speak of the goodness of God which has
followed us in our dispersions and collected us again,
in safety. what is before us we know not. May
our remaining time be fill'd up with duty, made
out for us by unerring wisdom, so that when
the earthly house of their laborers shall be
dissolved, we may all have a building of God our
house not made with hands eternal in the
heavens. Thro' Jesus our advocate and Intercessor amen.
May 19th Had the privilege today of again joining in solemn
social worship at Wm. Doth. Edman of Greenwich p. 40

in the morning from 4th Corinthians 15th chapter. 26th 27th 28th verses
and John 12th chapter, 24th verse. on the doctrine of the resurrection
This beautiful season is an apt emblem of the resurrection
and there is nothing more mysterious in the fact that our
bodies will be raised incorruptible than that vegetable
and animal life should burst forth as it does in ten
thousand different forms at this reviving delightful time
in the year. The thought is most consoling, to those who
have been called to bury their dearest earthly treasures
in the grave. The eye of faith can look beyond the
gloom which death has spread around them, and see a
brighter world, an extended sphere of employment,
and powers and capacities, suited to an ever improv-
ing and boundless existence. In this scene Jesus our
great Captain ~~has~~ is leading on those who have
already gone to the possession of that goodly land &
Canaan.

This afternoon his text was in Corinthians
By the grace of God I am what I am. It is not enough
to say I am what God made me. but he formed me
for happiness. It was his love which made me a
rational, immortal being; and if I am faithful to the
powers ^{with} which he has entrusted me, and the
light with which I am indulged, I shall be happy.
This was the end for which life was given. May we
all have grace to improve it in the wisest and best
manner; since supper, we had a sermon read in
Benediction, to the young. A may not our priv-
ileges be the means of our condemnation.

May 24th 1833. This is Charles' birthday - and I would not let it pass
without the customary observance. I have repeatedly this day pour-
out my desires to God that he may be qualified for all the
services and important duties which his circumstances demand.
In his public employment, he is as a city set on a hill.
and he has opportunities of doing great good. I believe he is
respected by the people generally; if so how much good
might he do by improving every suitable occasion of ad-
monishing, reproving and encouraging those with whom he has inter-

course. To this end I would with the greatest importunity and
prayer beseech Almighty God, to shed down the abundant
supplies of his spirit that he may act his part well,
that a spirit of true benevolence and christian zeal, may
regulate all his conduct. That he may never lose sight
of the grand object of his existence, and never mistake
as to the means of attaining it. Further let him feel
his solemn responsibility as the head of a family, and
let his Department be such as the solemnity and purity
of you can approve. I would endeavour gratefully to re-
member the goodness of God, at his birth, goodness to me &
to him. That kind power which has kept him thro' the
slippery paths of youth, from scandalous sin, and has
inclined him to make a solemn dedication of himself
to his Maker, in union with his wife and child is the
same, which has kept us all hitherto, which has taken
two of our beloved ones from this world, and as I hope
perfected them in heaven, and will I hope thro' the
mediation of Jesus Christ, bring us all at last, to him-
self to unite in the nobler services of the temple not made
with hands, eternal in the heavens. ex. 25. 8. 9. 10. 11.

May 26th Lord's Day. This morning was rainy, and we all staid at home.
I instructed Lucy and Benjamin, read in Clarke's Commentary
the story of the woman at the well of Samaria. It is his opinion
that she was a harlot or one of a polluted character, but
one who had attended to religion, and at that time resorted
among her acquaintances, as many at her request came
out of the city, to hear and ask for themselves. It is observed
that she was the first apostle or preacher of the Gospel
The samaritans were simple and received the Kingdom
of God as little children. This afternoon Mr. H. and Bethia,
went to Northampton, William and Edward also. I & F.
at the Mills, and E. & S. Last week we took Lucy B. &
kept her, untamed, wild, unused to obedience it will
be a task. If I can obtain strength from above I can do
all things, heavenly Father make the path of duty
plain.

May 28th 1833. The anniversary of Whitings and Frederic's birth day.
Well do I remember on this day twenty four years ago, with what
delight I received the former, remembering no more the anguish,
sorrow, joy. His father was gone to New York - but my father arriv-
ing to our custom gave thanks on the occasion, and in about
a month we presented him to God in the way of his own
appointment. A sweet pleasant playful infant - but could
discover strong feelings - and resolution - perhaps if I
had managed him differently he might have been saved
some trouble and his parents also - But I trusted be God
he was in his youth brought to realize that the
favour of God is all that is worth having - and to this
~~sublimation~~ of this object every thing else finally seemed
to yield - so that his dying bed was an exhibition of
the power of faith. He is no longer with us, but may
I not hope that according to his own words he still
prays for us. This he said he should certainly do if
permitted. - O, for the blessings accompanying his life
and death, eternity will not be too long to underpraise
Frederic, dear Frederic, may I not hope that a good
work is begun in his heart also? - Yet I long to see him
come out from the world, join himself to the Lord in
an everlasting covenant, and enroll his name
among the followers of the Lamb. - This day thus far
has been a day of special prayer, and abstinence
may a gracious God accept the imperfect service
that and answer my requests in the name of our great
Redeemer and Advocate Jesus Christ the righteous
to whom be ascribed honour and glory everlasting.

June 2. This has been a communion season. All of us excepting
Frederic Elvins and the two children went to Wm and heard
our good minister in the morning from these words, "Let your
affections be set on things above not on things in the earth."
This afternoon, "Do not easily provoked." We had a very thin
assembly; only sixteen male communicants, and six others
in our family. I think I felt some gratitude at the table
of the Lord for what his gospel become sanctified by his Spirit
and the dispensations of his providence, has done for the
Dear family - I do indulge a hope that when our earthly
course shall be finished, we may all meet in heaven,

to praise that Love which has noticed us in our low estate
and so wonderfully granted my requests with respect to
my children, and is holding out to us the animating
hopes which are abundantly calculated to strengthen within
us every right affection and resolution. I left home this
morning with fear lest our two children that we have
lately taken should be very burdensome and troublesome, but
not much lessened at my return, to find so little complaint
in who could shut the lions' mouths and tame the
enraged and turbulent passions of mankind. In his help
and blessing above do I depend, in this difficult undertak-
ing, and without his presence and blessing, I would not
make the attempt. I would give thanks to God at this
time for the gift of the Saviour. He I endeavored to
usher in duty, but I did not dwell so much on the
love of Christ and our obligations to him as I ought.
And indeed when have I ever come up to the standard of
duty which I have fixed? It is refreshing to look beyond
time and the infirmities of mortality, and contemplate
a state of being, when there will be no sin, no brawny
struggles, no measure, no erroneous views of divine
things, no unbelief, no doubt, and fears.

I had intended certainly today, to take some measure
for a union of prayers, among the devout women, but
no favourable opportunity presented. Something ought to
be done. The ways of Zion mourn because to find some
to her solemn feast. Father of mercies, raise thy
own work - pour down upon thy children a spirit
of grace and supplication, and let Zion arise and shine
her light being come.

10th We have been permitted again to go to the sanctuary and keep
holy day - Mr H. stayed at home with Benj. and we took away
over with us - Mr Colman preached in the morning from
these words: In your father's house ye have your seats - affe-
meth to prevent impatience is to complain of our
troubles as little as possible - and never to trouble others
unless it can afford us relief. we should endeavor to sweeten
ourselves of selfish feelings, and remember how many
there are whose circumstances are more trying than
ours - especially we should exercise confidence in God

in the rectitude and kindness of his his providential
dispensations; and look beyond the present scenes for
concord and permanent good. - This afternoon his text
was in Ecclesiastes - 3d chapter 14th verse I know that whatso-
ever God doeth it shall be forever, nothing can be put to
it nor any thing taken from it; and God doeth it that
men should fear before him. It is our wisdom to submit
to the appointments of Divine providence, believing
that tho' clouds and darkness are round about him
justice and judgment are the habitation of his throne
mercy and truth go before his face. On their way home
Mr. and Mrs. Colman called and drank tea with us,
we found them very agreeable, and this interview
has been quite refreshing. The Lord bless his labour
with us and others, and the labours of all his servants.
Since supper, we had a sermon read from these words,
I must work the works of him that sent me on -
on improving our peculiar circumstances, and the
importance of forming a resolute energetic character.
Last week Eliza and Eliza's Eliza from Lebanon made
us a visit - Aunt Dickinson and Mrs. W. also called
on us. From the sermon which was read this evening
I was led to guard against inconstancy. I have under-
taken a difficult work - if it is God's will that
I should perform it, I pray that he may give me
wisdom and courage and so much success as shall
enable me to persevere - I would do nothing
without help and guidance from above. Preserve
us all with the favour thou bearest to thy
chosen. Fit us for life death and heaven, thro'
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour - -

June 16th Mr. M. went to Pelham today to preach. The rest of us
went to Mr. W. meeting ~~Mr.~~ who staid at home, and ~~the~~
who went to Gladby. I sat the milk, and Lucy and ~~the~~
at home. Mr. A. good preached, in the morning from these
words evil communications corrupt good manners. To the
young - This afternoon from Revelation 3d - 2d - Be watch-
ful and strengthen the things that remain that are
ready to die - It is very important that we should

know our true character. It is essential to the Christian
character that it should be improving. If we find increasing
satisfaction in the pleasures of the world, or in its wealth
and honours, we have reason to fear the love of God does
not dwell in us. It is necessary part of the Christian
life to abound in prayer; and the study of the bible.
Within the habitation of God's house, the place where
his honour dwelleth, and with grateful adoration to
obey all those ordinances which he has in mercy
appointed. - yesterday called a few moments on Mrs
Smith - had a precious interchange of sentiments, and
feelings on religious subjects. - O how I long to see my
Dad, more heavenly - O God all hearts here in they
hand, turn his heart to they self. Thoud as sorrow reas
since suffer, on the words, a soft answer turneth
away wrath - heavenly Father give me more grace
that I may adorn the doctrine of God our Father
thru' Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ne 23. I have been at home today, trying to instruct B. and L. - may
a prayer bearing God, bless the efforts I make for their sal-
-vation, and transform them into his own image. Since my deliv-
-erance from the power of thick darkness, in which I lay for
nearly a year, I have been looking about to find something
to do in the service of my great Master. After I was
married I asked of God to employ me in his service.
He made me the mother of eleven children, he excited in
me the most ardent desires for their salvation, and the most
constant efforts to this end. Two of them he has taken from
us, laid their bodies in the dust, and I hope received
their spirits to himself, to higher and purer services. For
all these distinguishing blessings, I have often said what
shall I render to the Lord? - In view of the blessing which
he has granted to me with respect to my children, I have
asked myself whether my love to God and a desire to imi-
tate Christ, was the motive by which my exertions for their
salvation, were influenced. Or whether it was mere natural
affection. I have desired to prove the sincerity of my regard to
God and his Son, by taking two other children who have no

natural claims upon my attention, to train up for him. I have asked myself if I could submit to the self denying labours which such an undertaking would involve. If I could patiently instruct them in all useful knowledge, bear with and correct their foibles and faults, teach them to fear God and work righteousness, pray with and for them as I have done for my own children, nothing short of this will satisfy my conscience. I have undertaken the task and thus far I am not discouraged. He who left the abodes of luxury and happiness to sojourn among pollution and shame, to endure sorrow pain and death, in order to rescue sinners from destruction, will surely grant assistance to one of the weakest of his followers, who is endeavouring to follow in his steps, tho' as far off, by snatching from vice and ignorance two immortal beings who are created in his image, and may be destined to eternal life. This is my hope. Almighty power, and all mighty goodness. Mr H. B. W. Esq. I Mr. and Family went to N. heard Mr. Stearns. I read while attending to L. and B. in Spargues lectures to young men. Last Friday Doct. Brown, wife and Daughters, made us a visit, Doct. Porter and wife and son. - had much religious conversation. after tea had sacred music. - and as every how pleasant would it be if all our social visits were thus clothed. & why do we not better lose the employments which approximate us to the inhabitants of heaven! and would not the custom be a powerful mean of religion for the careless and stupid? -

June 30th Mr H. went to Pelham May 1. and T. Austin, and I went to N. heard Mr. Stearns, in the morning from these words Matthew 15th - 19th Get out of the heart proceed with thoughts. - On the government of the thoughts. In the first place he proves that it is possible to govern our thoughts in a good degree. We must endeavour to exclude all sinful thoughts - all sinful words must be avoided, all sinful company and reading, on the other hand we must think much of the

character of God, and his son, and bear in our minds the
good examples we hear a read of, and especially must we
pray earnestly for the purifying influences of his spirit.
This afternoon, 42 Psalm, I shall yet praise him who is
the health of my countenance and my God. On the duty
of preserving our health, and the motives which should
influence us to do it. To perform the duties of life, serve
God and our generation, and thus prepare ourselves for
higher and purer services in a purer and brighter
world, these are the motives which should govern us in all
our words and actions. Took little Frances to meeting
this afternoon. Great Father of thy whole family, let
not my prayers for this child be unavailing. She has
begun to go to thy sanctuary, and from her tractable
amiable temper, I think she may become a steady
attendant at thy house. May her parents have the
disposition to have her with thee, to dedicate her
daily solemnly to thee, and consider her no more
as theirs but as thine, and feeling this, may they
omit ~~no~~ effort to form her into the image of Jesus
Christ. As Mr. Ellis is visiting Mr. W. & they went to
Hatfield in the forenoon, with Edward, he returned and
went to the Mills in the afternoon, they went into town.
William and Bethia staid at home. Thus another sabbath
is gone. And I would acknowledge with gratitude the
goodness of God in affording me so much comfort
so much of what I hope I may call the witness
of the Spirit. Search me O God and know my ways
try me and know my thoughts, and see if there be an
unlawful way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.
At family worship this evening had a warm god in content
ment. To live with contentment is great gain, for we
brought nothing into the world with us and it is certain
we can carry nothing out. - Oh May the blessing of
God rest upon us all this week, and all the days
we may remain on the earth, and fit us all to meet
for worship in the temple above to go no more out
thru Jesus our great advocate and forerunner, amen.

July 7th 1833. Another sabbath with its hallowed and hallowing influence has passed over us, and I would again recall some of its awesomeness. The scenes which are passing in our family, this season are cheering - and full of peace and comfort. Our children all but those who are married, and those who are departed, are with us this summer. William and Edward both at home. Our seasons of social ^{family} worship are a foretaste of the heavenly state - so much peace so much enjoyment - we must not expect to have it long continued. But blessed be God, our earthly enjoyments must be interrupted, we look for a state where sin and death cannot come, & then we hope to meet again and unite in higher joys. Mr. Thomas preached from these words, For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. - In the uses and abuses of sleep. This afternoon the text was in Colossians 3-2. Set your affections on things above not on things on the earth. Some will say that as we know so little of a future state it is useless to employ our thoughts about it. But this is a great mistake. Knowing as we do that this is but the beginning of our existence it is madness not to prepare for that eternity, which the gospel reveals, and which God has given us means of making a happy one to ourselves. Yesterday called at Deacon Dickinson's. Had a few moments conversation with Maria, which was like a refreshing shower to the thirsty earth. If I was guilty of pride or vanity - I should forgive me, for then and all my sins both then and now, and all sins of this holy day my own and the sins of our dear family, and let us go forth to the labours and duties of the week with renewed strength and zeal, & with a more abiding sense of thy presence and favour. O for soon us for all the sufferings that await us, and let us watch and pray, and keep our garments, undefiled. These requests I would make for all my children & friends. In doing the Sabbath we had a sermon on these words, Because he hath abhorred a day in which he will find

the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ad-
mired, whereof he hath given us assurance in his word, in
that he hath raised him from the dead, - and every one
of our beloved singing hymns for sabbath eve. -

Thursday the 4th. All our family and part of brother's went
to the summit of Mount Warner, carried refreshments -
and after partaking them and admiring the beauties
of creation, sang a hymn, and returned. May we
not as a nation by luxury and sin, provoke God
to withdraw from us our great and distinguishing blessing
of the Holy Spirit? Philip's birth day. I have been able to begin early this morn-
ing my supplications for him; and have thought much of the
goodness of God in preserving my life at his birth, and in
continuing our lives thus far; I would notice with unfeigned
gratitude the grace which has preserved ^{him} from open sin in
his younger years, and above all, which has given
to devote himself to his maker and Redeemer. How can
I praise God as I ought, for these spiritual blessings. Let
me never cease to pray; for may I not hope that the same
spirit which inclined ^{me} to pray so earnestly and constantly
for my children has granted my requests. I would pray that
a spirit of prayer, may be imparted to him whose birth I
now commemorate. I would notice with peculiar gratitude
the good Providence of God, which has so wonderfully restor-
ed him to such a measure of health, so that he is able
to labour, and apparently enjoys the bounties of divine
providence which are so liberally opened around us.
Let me call upon my soul and all that is within me
to bless and praise his name, who crowneth our lives
with his blessings. And now I would again most earnestly
impress thy kind and constant care for him; that he
may be so guided and guarded during his continuance
in this world, that whenever thou shalt remove him
he may peacefully enter that state, where sickness
and sorrow and sin shall never find admission and
death the last enemy is forever vanquished. Then hope
we owe to the love of God in Christ Jesus. To him
may ^{we} ever render not by our lips merely, but by all
our ~~thoughts~~ ^{thoughts} and actions unceasing praises. amen.

July 14th - Then our beloved minister again. In the morning from about
10th - Strive to enter in at the strait gate &c. - In order to enter
the narrow way, all sin must be resisted, and this requires
a struggle, and violent effort. Like butting of an offending
right hand. When it is said that many shall seek to enter
in and shall not be able, it is not meant that should they
act themselves ever so much they never can enter, but
it means that their heart's wishes have never wrought
in them that reformation repentance and holiness which
are essential qualifications for becoming the inhabitants
of heaven. This afternoon the text was in Proverbs, 4th - 25
26 & 27th verses. The importance and necessity of purity and
rectitude. Mr H. went to Greenfield to preach. Theophilus
Thosdon, Bothia, Ben. and I attended at N. m. I staid at
noon to preach Benj. - Last Wednesday Bothia and I went
to Whately. Aunt Dickinson at Mrs. Willis. - Elizabeth appears
very low and feeble - may God preserve her and all of them
for his good will and pleasure. I was able to turn the
conversations to serious subjects - and endeavored to lead
the minds of the young to think of death, gave a little
book of prayers to Experience with a few words of advice.
Did not feel at home; every thing altered; the minister's
~~the minister's~~ house turned into a tavern; something
very revolting to my feelings. On our way there and
returning B. - a need in Shrague's sermons to young men.
finished by reading the last sermon, I have finished my
course. On the happy termination of the life of a religious
youth. brought fresh to mind the last scenes of our beloved
Whiting's life. - Since supper, we had ~~for~~ sermon in Charles's
book read, ~~and~~ the blessedness of heaven. sang "Far from
these scenes of night." - These are precious seasons; tho'
the weather has been very hot, we have been preserved in
safety. Lord pardon our sins, accept and bless our imperfect
services, and prepare us all for more elevated, and pure
employments in thy more immediate presence. This Jesus Christ amen
~~and~~ as Edward went to New York.

July 15th 1833. Today William is twenty nine years old. I well remember the time of his birth. And I would notice with heart felt gratitude the mercies which have followed him till this time - above all I bless the rich mercy which has been manifested, in following thro' all his wanderings, in caring for him when in a distant land among strangers, in directing his steps home-ward, and finally while seeking worldly honour, in bringing him, by a way which he had not ^{known}, by painful disappointment, to feel that the only object worth anxiety and earnest effort is the favour of God. Praise be that mercy which has given him a desire to obtain the kingdom of God & the righteousness thereof. How often have I told my heavenly Father, that if he would give my children this, I would willingly give up every worldly good - and thus I still feel - Almighty power strengthen me to persevere. When I look back upon the many errors in my manner of bringing up my children, and the many failings they must have witnessed in me, I am astonished, and it seems strange that they are ~~not~~ thus dutiful affectionate, and so much what I would desire and approve. And now O God of grace be pleased to hear my earnest prayer, that this son may be so guided and blessed that his death may be peaceful and his eternity glorious - and may we all so think speak and act, as that we may all be permitted to serve thee in that pure and holy state, whereof thou hast given us assurance in thy word - Thine Jesus Christ.

July 21st - This morning at three, Edward who returned Wednesday, ~~on Sabbath~~ to start for Albany in search of two men who wickedly absconded, intending to cheat him and others out of their just dues; it is a grief that he was obliged to go, (a grief to us all. I arose when he did, endeavoured to fortify him with religious considerations, saw him leave, and spent the rest of the time till the family awoke, in earnest supplication that to Almighty God for all those spiritual blessings, for my self my family and friends which are indispensably for the safety of the immortal soul - nor did I fail to

to intercede for thoughtless sinners, and for the triumph
of peace and truth in the world - blessed be God for a dispo-
sition to seek his blessing. will he not answer the prayers
which his own spirit indites? - Mr H. Ben. and Lucy and
I staid at home. F and J went to Hatfield. B-M- and F to Mr
William to Hadley. I had little time to enjoy reading, on account
of teaching B and L - but I am willing to forego my own en-
joyment, if I can benefit others. - Lord soften their hearts.
Since tea had a sermon read in Beard's collection, upon
these words - As thy days so shall thy strength be. very
encouraging - and does not my own experience testify
to the truth of this promise? Surely I can say hitherto
the Lord hath helped me. Even the afflictions which brought
devotion into my poor benighted soul, I trust were the
means of bringing light and peace and spiritual strength
to the hearts of my family. Thanks to God for the beams
of hope which shine from the gospel of his Son. May
the powers and faculties of all this dear family, be de-
voted more entirely to thee. For myself & those authors
of this rational being, I ask that thou wilt be pleased
so to regulate my thinking faculties that, I may never
dishonour thee in the cause which I have chosen to
revere and promote. but that our circumstances
may be ordered so that our death may be peaceful
and our eternity blessed. A year ago to day passed our
dear Whittings last sabbath on earth. The last evening
of his life and our dear father-in-law have been
much on my mind of late. may the anniversary
of their death be so observed as to help us forward
in our course to meet them, in heaven. Thro'
Jesus our great Mediator, to whom be praise forever.

Friday July 26th This was our dear Whittings last day on earth. This
morning a year ago, he requested the family to gather round
his bed and hear, as he thought himself dying his parting
words, and such they proved. And ^{now} so notable. What strong faith

Thus was he elevated above the world and death. How eminently
did he feel the support of that truth which was his joy and
guide in life, & which he had ardently tried to impart to others.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
brought us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of his son
from the dead. "Because I live, ye shall live also." Thank to God
who so fitted this beloved child for himself and thus early called
him to nobler services in a purer world. A man who never
be assisted to fight the good fight of faith, overcome the world
and lay hold on eternal life. - remembering who has said "to
him that overcometh will I give to sit with me in my
throne even as I also overcame and am set down with my
Father in his throne."

The warning voice how deep it roth,
From heaven it comes to wake our souls,
To lift our better thoughts on high.
Where peace and virtue never die,
Its tones were deep and low and still,
On my touch'd heart, they vibrate still,
But Hope reviving now appears,
And quickly wipes my quivering tears.
Therefore be Jesus ever nigh,
His bright example fill my eye,
His love my noblest powers employ
And be my lasting heritage. -

Sabbath. July 28 - The day of the year in which our dear Whiting
fell asleep. At our family worship this evening, (after a service
in Board collection,) we sung one of his hymns, on this
page, "Thy brother shall rise again." Theophilus was so
much affected with the last verse that his voice failed.
When shall we meet again? - two of our dear ones ^{are} resting
in the grave, hid from our sight; but what glory is re-
vealed in the gospel - death shall not always triumph.
The last enemy, he who is to all the King of Terror, shall
be destroyed, for Christ shall reign till he has put all
enemies under his feet. - A blessed assurance. God hath
promised us eternal life and this life is in his Son. Let
us then awake and rise from our deathlike indifference

and fast on the armour of the gospel; keep our eyes fixed
steadily on the glorious hope set before us, remembering that
if rightly improved these light afflictions which are but
for a moment, will work out for us a far more exceeding
and an eternal weight of glory. — Theophilus Thoden
Mary Frederic and I went to N- heard our good minister
in the morning from "Prove all things hold fast that which
is good" — This afternoon from these words, awake thou that
sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee life.
Anxiety again invades my bosom. Edward left us a week
ago to look up two fellows who had escaped, with brotherly
love their own, hoping to return in a few days. He does
not return, and we hear nothing from him. — God forbid
that any evil should have come to him. But O Father
prepare us for all events, and help us to say they will
be done. Little Frances goes regularly to the house of God.
It is my earnest prayer that out of the mouth of
this babe God would perfect praise. —

August 4th Three years ago, we were watching with trembling painful
anxiety over our lovely wasting Catherine. & the anguish
of that season. — I cannot be described. the Lord forgives the
sins of my sorrows. Friday morning Edward returned in saf-
-ty. without success in the particular object of his journey.
I would notice with gratitude that merciful Providence
which has so far this season preserved us from death &
sickness — & that these spared lives and faculties might
be employed entirely in his service who is our
Creator preserver, and will soon appear as our Judge
all of us excepting Elvira, L- and B- went to meeting
at Northampton. The morning sermon was from Ephesians
6th last verse. Grace be with all them who love our Lord
Jesus Christ in sincerity, the grounds of our love to
Christ, and how we are to manifest it. Assembled again
around the table of our dying risen and glorified Saviour
This cheering and comforting the season. — and the

circumstances. Seven of our own children, and a daughter
by marriage, have repeatedly united with us in celebrat-
ing the wonderful love of God as manifested in the
life sufferings and death of his beloved son. As I looked
round on these my jewels, I hope I was not wholly
without gratitude to that Almighty Power, who has
given me a comfortable hope that they will be
as gems in the Diadem crown of glory. If they
do not stand with that great multitude which no
man can number, redeemed out of every nation
and kindred and tongue and people, then shall I
indeed be most miserable. For them I have laboured
and prayed and thought and wept and fasted day &
night - & I will still continue to do so, by the
help of him who has said my grace is sufficient
for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.
Yesterday Mary and I went to solicit subscriptions for
a female Seminary in Greece. May God bless the
object. Last week Mr H. - was informed of the deplora-
-ble state of religion in Enfield. Atheism is increasing.
I hope the Spirit of God will incline the heart of my
husband, to visit them, and spend some time in
labouring from house to house, to banish this
Demon from among them. Is it not divine truth
which is to consume error and sin? Will not the
clear shining of the Sun of Righteousness, scatter the
mist, of infidelity and atheism, and vice, ~~which~~
that gross darkness which covers the people? - It is
in vain to pray, Arise O Lord and scatter thine
enemies, unless we use our united, zealous efforts
to accomplish the object - may many be converted
and say - here am I, send me.

August 11th At this time three years ago, we had given up all hope
nearly of the recovery of our dear Catherine, her brain had
become affected, and we could hold no intercourse with her
only by attending to her wants - when I look back upon

the agony of that season, I almost wonder that I survived. It was the ever furious, even times heated, and the darkness which followed, was indeed horrible, I felt that I was melting, dissolved with anguish - consumed by the blow of his hand, who ~~taunteth~~ man to destruction and saith return ye children of men. - I desire so to recollect these scenes as to keep my sense of the importance of being prepared for my own departure. Two of my dear children in the morning of life have passed into the world of spirits, and I old & weak, and ignorant and infel. still remain. I often ask, why is it that I am spared? and as often I suppose and ask Lord what wilt thou have me to do. When I attempt to speak with my friends upon the all important concerns of religion, my mind is so weak & wandering, that I fear I shall dishonour the cause which I long to promote. O my Father! pity my ignorance and weakness, and whatever becomes of me, O let me not bring reproach upon that cause which thy beloved son came into the world to establish and promote. Today Edward & a William Mary Thredwell and F. Ben. and I went to N. - heard Mr. Chapman, a very interesting preacher, so much so that I could not help wishing that he might go to Oswego. - the Lord direct and send them a suitable ~~teacher~~ person, who shall build them up in faith & holiness, and piety. The morning sermon was upon these words, whosoever loveth and believeth in me shall never die. - the proofs of immortality & the its comforting & sanctifying influence. This afternoon the text was in Luke, "and whosoever of you shall judge ye not what is right." - personal independence and its advantages and responsibilities resulting from it. O Father of mercies forgive all the sins of this day and remember me and mine in the covenant of thy love thru Jesus Christ our Lord & saviour.

In the midst of life we are in death. Praise the Lord
our souls for all his goodness. We found Ed and at
Northampton today he came home with us and left
us after the evening sacrifice. The Lord forgive &
accept us all as there so that in life or death
we may be the Lord's. - May the word of the Lord
run very swiftly, and thy kingdom come and thy
will be done in earth as it is in heaven. - Thus
Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour to whom be glory
and praise forever amen. - -

August 4th Our family have again attended worship at N. B. Mr.
Fisher and his, staid at home. Mr. Dwight preached. I ~~in the~~
morning from Philippians 3-20. For our consolation,
is in heaven. I was much pleased and instructed with
the greater part of his sermons, but on amusement
& keeping the sabbath, I was not well pleased. - people
are quite willing enough to dance, and read novels,
and break over the restraints of the Lord's day
without being asked to do so. - Jesus should be
our pattern, can we think of him as spending
hour after hour in dancing? - on the contrary
did he not spend whole nights in prayer, that
he might fulfill the work assigned him? - should
his followers devote more time to their religious
duties and less to vain amusements would not
society become generally improved. - Last
Tuesday Charles brought over his wife Mr. Pierce
Harriet and Smith. - Friday Mrs. Fisher and
Bethie spent the day at N. B. I still earnestly
pray that our afflicted children may be able to
profit by this trial, a bit more the sense of their
suffering sufferer till they shall be thoroughly
learned, reconciled and sanctified. - May the
divine spirit accompany all the means of
religion - till the whole world shall be full of the
glory of God even as the waters cover the sea -
thus Jesus our great High Priest, to whom be

August 11th Last Monday Frederic was taken sick - had Doct.
Mr. Gray in the evening - Tuesday he was bled & felt
relieved, the day after bled again, more relieved - since
that, tho' very sick he has grown no worse - we
hope the fever is abating - but it is not more -
the Lord only knows what is best. I have suffered from
anxiety - & this week body - and this week faith - but
increase my faith - and give me strength according to my
day - we women stand at home, & I was worried this week
about him - came partly to me Frederic, and partly to
take leave of Mrs. T. and her family who expect to start
off on Tuesday morning - may God guide guard and
bless them - and if it may be prepare us all to meet
again here, but above all fit us to serve him in
a purer and holier state. Pardon I pray thee the
anxiety - hear my prayer for this dear child - I
would ask with submission to thy will that he may
be restored to health, and prepared for usefulness - but
especially give him a sanctified use of this affliction
and may we all learn wisdom by what we are
called to suffer, let not this world in any of its
forms grieve us from the heavenly path.

August 25th A week ago last Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock the
stage came for Mr. Fishward his family - may God be
with them and bless them. the same day at evening
friends came from Connecticut - but we were supplied
and strengthened under all our labours and anxieties,
and watchings, and our dear Frederic is again res-
tored to health and able to worship God in his
house, and has gone now with his father to
hear the President's farewell address to the Congress
of which he is a member - God of mercy and
honour, hear I beseech thee my prayer for him
that he may profit by this affliction, be purified
and fitted for the masterly use and service -
all my hope is in thee. the rest of the family went
to Mr. Heard Mr. Cushing - Little Charles went home
having staid a week with us - & may he early come

a child of God - and may all our friends be prepared
for the pure and peaceful employments of heaven
I implore especially, of thee O Father that this later
riches may be the means of ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~energies~~ ^{energies} of our
desires after thee and our indifference to the world
& may our hard lives and continued comfort, be
now wholly devoted to thy service. Thine Ours Christ.

Hadley August 25th 1833. Sabbath evening.

Today Esther and I went to N. Scarr's little Franconia, who has been here because her mother is sick with a fever. The Lord send healing mercy and a sanctified improvement of the visitation to her and her husband. Mr. Stearns preached from these words in the morning, a son left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. This afternoon from the harvest of the sower. May God apply the truth to the hearts of all who hear this day hear it. - A week ago last Wednesday, Theophilus and I left home to visit our friends in Vermont. The next day being the anniversary of Catherine's death we spoke of it about the time, and I hope my desires were drawn forth for the spirit of God to enable all of our family to become imitators of those who thro' faith and patience inherit the promises. - When I dwell upon the loveliness of her character, I am constrained to believe that God was in her of a truth, and my heart long to pay some worthy tribute for ^{God's} goodness and mercy so immense. But in this imperfect state I can never do it. - then I how delightful to look beyond these earthly scenes and contemplate that glorious state where they now are will be improved and enlarged, and I shall be able to render a service more worthy of the object and more expressive of the gratitude which I ought to feel. - I cannot pass over this journey to my friends in Vermont, without noticing the good hand of our God upon us; wherever we went, we met a hearty welcome. My aged aunt, is hardly an inhabitant of this world, she has been blind many years, but the light within is glorious. She longs to depart and be with Christ, which is far better than to be here. Her memory is weak, but her ideas upon religion are all clear and bright, and her confidence in her God entire. Her example and prayers must be a rich blessing to the family of her son with whom she resides. They have nine children, lovely and promising; the

third daughter which they call Elizabeth Huntington, I hope
will come and stay with us and attend at the Academy
if we should live another year. On our journey we visited
at John Phelps', Mrs. Williams', at Chester, Wethersfield, call
at Windsor, slept at Mr. Saps', Westminster, then at Mr.
Ames', Greenfield, call'd at Mr. Willis' Shelburne; dined at
Mr. Willis', Whately. When we got home found Miss Broadhead
here on a visit, the lady with whom our dear Whittier
boarded in West Cambridge. Since we returned Thos Phillips
has been more unwell, afflicted with great pain, his old
complaint. He seems now more comfortable. O heavenly
Father I seek from thee relief, if it please thee, grant
him health, but above all enable us to say not my
will but thine be done. O ye all the visitations of thine
hand O help us to improve, that we may be prepared
for the great event of death. ~~2~~

Sabbath evening Sept. 1st 1833 Today I stay'd at home with Lucy
and two men who have been at work here, may God grant
that the religious services of the family and what they
have read may be so bless'd to them by the operation of
thy spirit as to be instrumental of their final sa-
-vation. I have been rather dull today, have not felt
that keen relish for spiritual services which I am
sometimes bless'd with. But I would not complain,
rather let me praise that mercy, which holds my
soul in life, which preserves me from the depths
of despair, and enables me to hope and trust, tho'
faintly and imperfectly in the promises of the
gospel. During the last week Elizabeth Wells has
died, and Justin Clarke - how solemn are the warn-
-ings which we receive O Father make them to
accomplish in us and all concerned the works of faith
and hope and love. - and may we and all, we too
be prepared to leave this world in peace with a con-
fiding hope of thy pardoning mercy thro' Jesus Christ.

Sabbath Sept. 5th This afternoon Mary William Edward and
I went to N. n. - found Helen sitting up which she
has not done before for three weeks. Thanks to God for
his goodness - O may this visitation be a saving ben-
-efit to her, her husband and all around them. Our
beloved Mr. Stearns' child died this morning - may
be by this event to stirred up to greater diligence
and fidelity in his work - and the sickness and
death which prevails in that neighborhood, to
make instrumental of leading good to the souls of that
people. Mr. H. went to Pelham today - the church has
become very low - but today there seemed to be some
more hopeful appearance, the sermons were upon the
Lord; supper, and they requested to have a prayer
meeting appointed at five o'clock. How delightful
is it to see religion revived - let our prayers, O
Lord revive thy work, and let our efforts correspond with
our prayers. Surely it is our highest honour to be
permitted to labour in the cause of Christ. In his
spirit may we do every duty, and at last be united
to the services of the upper temple. Mr. Canning
has preached. This afternoon from Jeremiah they
shall not be wholly unpunished. Repentance does
not remove the effects of vice.

Sept. 15th Today we all attended meeting at N. n. Helen seems
to be gaining. I pray that this sickness may be the
means of stirring them both up to greater activity &
zeal in the great duties of life, and preparation
for heaven. As we were passing the graves of our
dear children, Mr. H. said what could we do with-
-out the hopes of the gospel. This led to notice those
deceived people who disbelieve even the existence
of God - and I again told him as I have repeated
by you before, that I thought he was bound to
make efforts for their salvation - he said he would
go if I would - I told him I would - & I hope the
Lord will incline him to prosecute the plan.

Our dear Mr. Stearns buried his only child last
week, and requested prayers today, he preached
an excellent sermon this morning to mourners
from Luke 22^d - 42^d - Father if thou be willing
remove this cup &c. - This afternoon from 1st John
4th & 12th Iw that both the son both life &c. God of
mercy Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give effe-
-cacy to thy own truth, and let it not return
to thee void - may it have free course, run
and be glorified - I have carried back Lucy
found it impossible to have two such children
may the Lord provide a place and faithful
friends for her. Marianna Billing made us a
visit last week - I thank God that he enabled
me to urge upon her the duty of prayer &
the necessity of serving her Father - recommended
particular duties - she was much affected. may
the Holy Spirit bless the noble effort. - Help me
& Divine Spirit to keep the God of my life,
to be kind in feeling and word and deed - to all
around me - O fit us all for life for death
and heaven thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen.

Sept. 22^d. Today we attended meeting at Home found Helen &
1833 Mr. Stearns and his wife gone a journey. Mr. Hoyer of Brookfield
preach'd in the morning from Roman. 12th. I beseech you as
an excellent sermon. This afternoon from their word, I speak as
unto wise men, judge ye what I say. Glad is our
and thine supper upon the duties and benefits of friendship.
we should employ our influence with our friend. to
promote those sentiments and dispositions which will
survive the dissolution of these earthly ties, and qualify
us to unite in the services of that immortal temple
not made with hands, whither our forerunner has for
us entered, and where he is now making intercession for us.
Thursday our good minister and his wife made us a good
visit. Friday Mr. Payson and his wife drank tea here
found them very friendly benevolent and pious hearts
may the Spirit attend all their labours, and crown
them with success. - Pray for us all to serve the better
this work than heretofore, and best of all in the heavenly
Kingdom thro' Jesus our Lord and Saviour. to whom be glory
both now and forever. - amen.

Sept 24th Today I have endeavored to set apart, till noon, for humiliation
and prayer, for a particular object. I have brought it often to the
mercy seat, and brought earnestly an answer of peace. may ^{who}
mercifully is a prayer hearing God, grant the desire of our hearts. It is not for

any earthly good that I seek. Did not Christ come to establish the kingdom of righteousness and peace? - And is not the favour I ask connected with this cause? - Jesus said I know that - their hearts are always - and why? because his desires were always agreeable to Infinite wisdom - enable me to say they will be done, and help me to employ all those means which shall tend to its accomplishment.

Sept. 29th. Have again been permitted to worship God in his house. Had Mr May - a young man, but to appearance solemnly impressed with the sentiments he uttered. The text in the morning was in the 3^d chapter of Acts. 26th verse. The ~~benefits~~ of the gospel in turning men from sin. This afternoon the text was in 1st Thessalonians. 5th chapter 17th verse, "pray without ceasing" - The importance and the happy effects of prayer. Ellen is more unwell today excused with more pain; her illness continues, seven weeks today since she joined in public worship - O heavenly Father if it be consistent with the purposes of thy wisdom and goodness, I pray that thou wouldst be pleased to restore her to health. But O above all things grant to her soul peace in believing - give all her fears banish her doubts. Dispel all gloom, and hold out to her admiring view the glories of that state of purity, which shall fill her with ardent desires to depart and be with Christ which is far better than to be

here. Show her by the powerful operation of thy spirit
upon her heart, the vanity of all earthly good, and help her
to resign herself and all her interests cheerfully to thy
merciful and wise disposal. Had a sermon read since
supper on friendship. from this text, for we took sweet
counsel together, and walked to the house of God in
company. -

Oct. 6th Sabbath afternoon. Last week Tuesday brother and sister Huntington, and
sister Lyman with Alden Wattle, came to see us, we had a charming
serious visit, had much conversation on the interesting subjects
of practical religion. Wednesday afternoon ~~they~~ had a visit from
Mr. and Mrs. Lodge Caroline Porter, Miss Billings and Miss William.
I had a very pleasant conversation on various subjects with Mr.
B. - O what a pity that minor differences should separate the
friends of the Prince of Peace. Next morning they set their
faces towards home, leaving Miss Lyman to spend a longer time
with us. The same day, they ^{went} she and I made a visit to Mrs.
Partridge, and she staid till last night. Today she and our
children went to hear Doct. Brown, they returned at noon, she
staid to attend the Lord's supper. A little before noon Mr. Fisher
and the little boys arrived having staid with Charles last night.
Mr B. went to Pelham today. Last Tuesday William opened
his school at N. H. Mary has attended so far. - Helen seems to
be gaining slowly. May God in mercy regard my earnest

Desires for her and her husband. & let not my supplications
be in vain. If there is any thing for me to do, in this mat-
-ter, may the good Spirit direct and assist me to do it. Let
not I break thee, these visitations be entirely lost, good &
surely intended, & let it not result in evil. yesterday
I went to Whately with B- try. I to say something to
strengthen good impressions, and promote religion. But O
Father, sin clings to me - pollutes every thing; I am an
unworthy recipient of countless blessings, but ~~that~~ ^{what} a
blessing is reason! what can we do if the mind is clouded
or disordered - help me O thou source of light and life
to adorn thee with those powers which thou hast bestowed,
I am doubly thine, O preserver to me the dear discov-
-eries of truth, and the animating hope of an immortality
of purity and peace - and may ^{and} all my ^{children &} dear friends be
admitted at death to those blessed regions, where sin and
sorrow and death can never enter. These are the hopes
for which we are indebted to the Son of God, the Saviour
of men, the resurrection and the life - Let me O Father
of all good to take the whole armour of God and may
I ever pray and labour in the Spirit of that prayer
which Christ taught his Disciples, thy kingdom come, thy
will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. - for Jesus sake amen

Oct. 10th Monday B's birthday was remembered by me many times, but on account of company, I did not exercise that abstinence which I have been accustomed to do, on similar occasions. Today therefore has been noticed in this manner. And now before partaking of those bounties which are necessary to support our animal frames, help me O Divine power and love, to plead with a covenant keeping God for covenant blessings, to be granted to this beloved child. As I have reason to hope thou hast led her to thyself, help me to render thanks for this unshakable blessing. and may all her powers & faculties be henceforth and forever devoted to thee and the interests of thy holy kingdom. Be pleased to order all her portion for her in such a manner, that her character may be purified her hope and faith strengthened and her prospects for futurity brightened - Look gracious Father upon each of my dear children & prepare them by all thy discipline for a state of peace and purity, into which nothing shall enter that defileth. Thus and answer O God of mercy thro' the intercession of Jesus our Saviour amen. Sabbath evening. Today we have again united in worshipping God in his temple. I heard our beloved Pastor in the morning ~~upon~~ the beatitudes - this afternoon 103^d Psalm. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities The terms of forgiveness are penitence and reformation. Our minister has been absent with his wife three weeks - It has been my daily prayer, that they may return

with new life and strength and zeal, to serve God, and promote his
kingdom. Let not the ways of Zion mourn because no
come to her solemn feasts - This O God and let thy truth
prevail, give success to the means used and direct to
those methods, which thou wilt bless. - I was much rejoiced
to hear Mr. Stearns touch upon the wile of war. Lord
stir him up to exert himself in this cause, and may
it prevail more and more. And may the proposal I have made
to one of our society, that the females should unite and make
our minister a life member of the Peace Society, meet with
encouragement. O! Author of all good intentions, I do not desire, if I
know my own heart, to gain credit to myself in this matter.
But I ask the inspection of thine eye of purity, and the aid
and direction of thy wisdom, to enable me to do those things
which thou wilt approve. The hearts of all are in thy hands, and
the treasures of ^{thy} rich are at thy disposal; hear I beseech thee my
earnest prayer, that Peace, permanent gospel peace may pervade
all hearts, and thus the kingdoms of this world become the king-
doms of our Lord and of his Christ. -

Oct. 20th Our dear family have again been permitted to assemble around
the table of our blessed Lord, to commemorate his matchless
love, and to renew our engagements of fidelity in his service.
may we ever remember that unless we are endeavouring

ing to imitate his perfections, for as he has died in vain
I would pour forth that grateful tribute of my heart, for
all that I have this day enjoyed in thy house. Among the
sources of enjoyment the thought that two of my dear
children, fondly loved and cherished, had gone home to
the company of the faithful, was one. Let me never cease
on earth or in heaven, to bless thee for their rich abundant
mercy. In the morning the sermon was from the 5th verse
of the 5th chapter of the 1st epistle of John. - who is he
that overcometh the world but he that believeth that Jesus is
the son of God. without a Revelation all is darkness, and
nothing but a strong faith in this can give peace and
comfort in life or death. This afternoon Matthew 5th
chapter 34th verse. Take no thought for the morrow. Last Monday
Mr To left us with his sister by man, carried her to Brighton
returned Thursday night. - Tuesday Helen set out for Port
with Mr and Mrs. Whitmarsh, the Lord guide and bless
them and bring them back in safety. Tuesday Mary
began to board with Charles. Father of mercies carry us
all safely thro life comfort us in death and bow
portion in heaven, thro Jesus Christ our Lord amen
Oct. 27th We have been permitted again to join in the services of the
sanctuary. T. & J. and Mary, staid at home, William & Edward came
home last evening, and Mary and Frederic. Mr Fisher and the

twins came last Tuesday night, having been absent a fortnight
they went over with us today, we brought back Frank
who is to spend the winter with us, and Mr F - and
little Frederic will go toward home tomorrow. The
turbulence and obstinacy of these boys is really
alarming, what a separation will do for them it is
impossible to say; but a change in their habits &
manner is highly desirable - To thee O God, do I
look for the accomplishment of this and every good
work - Mr Stearns preached from Psalm 42 - Hope
there in God for I shall yet praise him. The blessing
of and comfort of the principles of Hope. This afternoon
from 1st Corinthians 3 chapter 16th verse. Know ye
not that ye are the temple of God and that God
dwelleth in you. O how I long that the truths of the
gospel so visibly delineated might be sharper than
a two edged sword. Let those with these desires
in vain, Spirit of all grace, give success to the
labours of our ministers and let many souls come
to the knowledge of the truth and learn to reverence,
Almira Wells came home from Martha's with us
today. will go home Tuesday. Mr Ellis came East
Tuesday. I would render unfeigned gratitude to thee

for the health and comfort which we enjoy, but above
all for the comfortable hope which thou art giving us
that we have entered upon the path of the just
may it like the rising light shine more and more
until the perfect day. What I desire above every
thing else is, that we may all be employed in
promoting this kingdom and glory. And now another
care is added another burden imposed. Our dear
minister ~~has~~ today prayed ~~that~~ as new and
increasing obligations we laid upon us, we might
be inspired with new vigour and courage. An im-
mortal soul, another is now placed under our care.
Have I not been looking about to find something
to do for thee O my Father? - There is the trial
thou art saying unto me, are you willing again
to engage in this arduous work? - I answer if thou
wilt help me. but if thou art not with me
I can attempt nothing - And since thou has ~~sent~~
thus ordered it I must hope that thou hast those
of mercy, and a blessing in store, to thee I commit
all my ways all my children and friends all that I
love, and myself soul and body for time and eternity
thou Jesus Christ our great Redeemer and Intercessor
to whom be honour and glory forever amen -

Nov. 3^d Another sabbath has been added to our lives and privileges. Our minister preached this morning from Acts. 10th chapter 2 verse, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house. an excellent sermon upon the benefits of family religion. I long to have every head of a family religious. Fathers of families give effect to the word often in this important subject. This afternoon the sermon was upon the all important virtue of charity or love, that kindness, which loves its own interest in benevolent attention to others - text in the 13th chapter of Corinthians.

During the past week Helen has returned from Boston with her health much improved - and now the burden of my prayer for them is that she and her husband may not lose the benefit of the late visitation of Divine Providence. I fear amid the cares of this life and the love of this world, the great end of this sickness may not be attained; I would once more with the most earnest desires seek the Holy Spirit, to sanctify to them their wanderings, and lay them out their affections on things above and not on things on the earth. Be pleased to give her more of the spirit of devotion, and inspiration with those hopes and affections which shall make them faithful in all the relations of life. Their little child is almost an angel now. How worthy did she

clasp her little arms around my neck and say "grandma
come." There for the present prayers, which I offered for
her at her birth, in the sorrow of my heart, and in the
anguish of my spirit have been granted. A God of purity
save her from every evil influence, and let that beautiful
form ever be the residence of thy Spirit.

Our little boy has thus far conducted very well, has become
quite manageable, and we experience the truth of the
maxim divide and conquer. But in every condition
there are trials. Having a boy already in the family
causes much care and perplexity. ~~great~~ ^{great} patience, wis-
dom, and firmness are necessary. Who is sufficient for
these things. Lord God of our salvation, thou has laid help
upon one that is mighty. The truths of his gospel and
his life and death are abundantly able to support and
strengthen the weakest believer. Lord help us all in
Duty carry us all safely to thy heavenly kingdom thro
Jesus our great Intercessor. amen.

Nov. 15th Have had the privilege of hearing our minister once more. In
the morning from 2 Corin. 1st chapter, last verse not forthat
we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy.
The ~~second~~ ^{third} anniversary of his settlement. A very instructive
sermon, at the close he exhorted us all to ask our selves whether
the great design of his ministry had been accomplished in

in us. This afternoon the text was in Romans, 1st chapter
16th verse, for it is the power of God to salvation to every one that
believeth. The religion of the gospel when governing the life
as it ought, has a power sufficient to overcome all
the temptations and difficulties to which we may be sub-
ject. Now I felt condemned! - The last week, has been a
time of great conflict with me. Impatient feelings, rising
of heart, at what seemed wrong in a certain person's con-
duct toward me, has occasioned dejection self condemnation
and disgust at myself - I do loathe myself, who shall
deliver me from the body of this death. Another cause of
trouble is the wickedness of Benjamin. It seems as if
satan had entered into him - Such hardness of heart even
so young is truly alarming. It seems as if I was beset
with evils on every side, and withal I am afraid I am
relapsing into the state of darkness and nervous irrita-
bility which I once underwent. In view of all these things
I fasted from morning till night, and while others were
taking their refreshment, I poured out my soul in
prayer. I may I never cease to lay my burdens down at
the feet of sovereign power and mercy, and thus may
the evil spirit be expelled, and the spirit of love and
peace enter in and abide in my heart. Thursday

Charles Helen Mrs Pierce and little Francis, came and made us a visit. Once more I beg of thee let not the visitations of thine hand be lost to their souls. - And O Father bless all the instructions of thine house both in our society, and all over the christian world. And make us all instruments of good and finally partakers of thy holy kingdom thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen.

Nov. 14th To Day I heard Mr Stearns, in the morning from Hebrews 12th 1st Wherefore laying aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily &c. - The prize of eternal life is placed in our view, and we should never lose sight of it. That we may obtain it, we must direct ourselves of every incumbrance, which may retard our progress. Pride or a high conceit of ourselves, and a contempt of others is a great hindrance in this work - the love of admiration is another, for who that is constantly seeking to gain the applause, and attract the attention of the world, can be supremely desirous of obtaining the favours which cometh from God only. Selfishness is another very serious obstacle to progress in the christian course. For how can they, who are entirely engrossed with their own selfish plans of indulgence and interest, pretend to be the followers of him who pleased not himself, but encountered suffering and even death to bless and save mankind. This afternoon from

Proverbs 3: 13th Happy is the man that findeth wisdom. went to
Charles. at noon, found Helen, wishing to read counsels and
consolations which Mrs. Clarke left to be read home. I had had
thoughts of handing it to her. A Divine Spirit. let the
thoughts and advice to those recovered from sickness be
greatly blessed to her. A my Father thou knowest the
ardent desires I feel for all my family and friends &
our society, and all mankind, that they may be
saved. grant O Father these requests, and so dispose
of us all that we may have the world in peace &
join the great company, among whom may we meet
our dear departed friends and all unite in serving the
without sin, and forever, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and

Nov. 24th This has been a day of some light, and comfort. How much is
implied in this short phrase, freedom of access at the throne of
grace. None but those who have been plunged in the darkness
of doubt and temptation can duly estimate the privilege of
coming boldly to the throne of grace. I have been in the
horrible pit, sinking in deep waters where there was
no standing; and yet O! astonishing goodness, giving
mercy and condemnation, he who commanded the light
to shine out of darkness has again shined in my heart
and restored to me the joy of his salvation. And not only

in my own case has his goodness appeared, but our dear
Theophilus, who a year ago seemed to be sinking under
bodily infirmity, has again been restored to a comfortable
state of health, so that his mind is at liberty and he
can attend in his leisure time to the improvement
of his intellectual powers. Our dear Mary too who has
suffered so much with nervous disease, has been much
relieved, so that she has been able to attend school ~~and~~
of the time for two months past. In addition to all this
the health of the other members of the family has been
mercifully preserved; and we have the prospect of com-
ing before God on Sunday to recount his blessings
and show forth his praise. Let an acceptable offering
be presented from every heart of this family, whether
together or distant from each other, and may all the
people throughout the state praise thee, yea let all the
people praise thee O God of our salvation.

We had a most animating sermon this morning from Mat-
25th 14 and 16th For the kingdom of heaven is our Saviour
when on earth commissioned his apostles to spread abroad
his gospel as far as their influence would extend. And
the same is the duty of Christians now. They who feel
as if they had done enough when they had become mem-

to God, were far from having a full view of their Duty -
much is to be done, for others. Christianity has been born
along on the shoulders of its sincere and decided votar-
ies, and it is the highest privilege a human being
can enjoy to assist in preparing immortal beings for
the employments of heaven. This afternoon the text was
in Deuteronomy, stating the claims of the Sunday School
its object, doing good to children, to give instructions, &
impress on the mind and heart, the heavenly principles
of religious truth. All those children who are destitute of
religious instruction at home are in pressing need of
the benefits of the Sunday S. and even those who have
much teaching at home, may receive some benefit.
Children ~~at~~ who constantly attend the Sunday S. for
seven years, may ~~there~~ as well acquainted with
the truths of the Bible as those who are far advanced
in years. I rejoice that our minister is roused. I
have been praying and urging for his increased efforts
may be go on and prosper. And O you who alone can
give efficacy to the means, awaken I beseech thee the
people, & awaken the men of our congregations, to meet
together to strengthen each other in the work of building
up the Redeemer's Kingdom. Therefore I offer in the name
of our great Father to whom be glory forever amen.

Dec. 1st 1833. We have again been permitted to come to the table
of our Bread and Master, to commemorate his
unfathomable love to man kind. Bethia and Mary were
both detained at home by indisposition of body - the rest
of us attended. I gave them the communicants' spiritual com-
panion, and asked of God a blessing for them. Mr. Harris's
text was in Mat. 6th 9th after this manner therefore prayer
and exposition of the Lord's prayer. Our assembly was very
small. A what stupidity. When will God arise in his
might - will he not be enquired of by the house of Israel
to do it for them. we do need a spirit of prayer. I long
and ask and pray daily - but what can I do? - among
so many? - And men are all asleep, and I fear the
women too. O Father of mercy, if I can do any thing
to animate dry bones. be pleased to teach me what to
do and how to do it. I believe my sons were one third
of the male communicants. A pitiful! when will sinners
awake from their worldly dreams and call upon God? -
Help O Lord God or we all perish together. Went to
Charles's to dinner. rather a worldly season. Helen has
no help and much to do. This afternoon the text was
in John - He that hath the Son hath life. But this
morning I rose the first in the house and had a pleasant

season of reading and prayer. was able to retain it with
a comforting sense of divine things thro' the forepart of the
day, for which I would bless and praise God not merely
with lips service but a more resolute performance of duty.
Last Wednesday evening Charles his wife and child and
all his boarders including our own children, except Mr
Smith, came over and ate supper with us. and spent
the evening. He and William Smith went home that night
the rest all stayed, Charles walked over in the morning
arrived before prayers, and we all went over to meet
together excepting Bethia who was troubled with her feet.
In recounting the blessings of the past year; Theophilus
and Mary's returning health hold a conspicuous place,
the preservation of my reason and health, and that of the
rest of the family, Edward's settlement in Northampton so
near us, and above all the good and virtuous conduct of
our children call for more gratitude than we can in this
imperfect state render. In addition to all this, the
animating hope that our departed children, have gone
to the general assembly of the church of the first born; that
the days of their mourning are ended; and the confident
expectation that we who remain are walking in the
same path, and shall ere long arrive at the same state

of hurry and fears. If these considerations do not fill us with
all joy and peace, there is nothing which can, &
I do accept the humble sinful service, and proffer us
all to offer thee a more holy and exalted service in
thy more immediate presence. Friday we had our
prayer meeting as usual. after that, Mr. H. and I made
a visit at Mr. Gates', met several friends there, had some
serious conversation with Mrs. G. Hodges, and Mr. B. L.
Smith. at parting with Mr. Gates, exhorted her to make
religion the business of life. may a blessing follow. I feel
thankful for every effort I am inclined to make to
promote religion. O may I never go into any company
without bearing testimony to goodness - the blessedness
of those who serve and please God. and now O Father
help me in the duties of this week. make us all
faithful unto death that we may receive the crown of life.
thru' Jesus Christ our Lord to whom be glory forever amen...

Dec. 8th Bethia Thordon and I went to worship at Northampton. Mr.
Barrington preached in the morning from Psalm 104-43, verse
Who is wise and will observe these things &c. comparative
account of happiness and misery in this life. Notwithstanding
all the sorrow and darkness and suffering of the present
life, still there is more good than evil. In the afternoon

the text was in Isaiah, 55th 8th For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than yours. ^{for} a very good sermon intended and adapted to inspire the mind with ^{a sense of} the greatness of God. these considerations should check all hard thoughts of the dispensations of Divine Providence. and excite us to say to our heavenly Father not my will but thine be done. Last Tuesday we had brother's family here for a visit. Edward and William from N. - Wednesday Mary Frederic and I went to N. - returning home I called at Mr Coolidge's and left four of Mr Abbott's books, intitled the Mother at Home. These books I bought with money which I am saving by abstaining from the use of sugar in tea and coffee. Mr. C. - engaged that they should be put into every mother's hands rich or poor in the three tracts 1st 2^d - and 3^d - in Gladly - this is to be done by lending them from house to house. My agency in the matter is to be kept entirely secret between him and me. A year ago I formed the plan - and the way has now been made plain to put it in execution. may God send his spirit to accomplish this noble effort to promote the virtue and happiness of the rising generation. Indeed a deep sense of the distance of me with regard to my children, I have been

enquiring what I should do to testify my gratitude. Soon after
our dear Whiting's departure, we took a little black father-
-less boy, to keep till he is ^{twenty one} ~~eighteen~~. This if I know my
own heart, I was inclined to do, that I might rob
his soul from death. May God prosper us and accept
us. And now O Father be our God our guide and our
portion forever. Thro' Jesus Christ our Redeemer amen.

Dec. 15th Another sabbath has come and gone. In the morning was again
favoured with a devoted frame. Theophilus Mary Frederic and I
went to N. heard Mr. Stans in the morning from Theophilus
and 3rd 19th. I would not have you more as those that have
no hope &c. - a sermon full of consolation to mourners, and
instruction also. Tho I have known the misery of those who
mourn without hope, yet I think as he was speaking I
had also felt the consolation imparted by the christian
faith and hope. Praise be to God for his unshakable gift.
He spoke of the hope which we might cherish of again
meeting our virtuous departed friends, as a bright star
guiding us onward in our way to heaven. How often
have I felt this in fulence when thinking of my children
who have fallen asleep. Never O my Father may they
ever thus to speak to my heart. William and Edward re-
turned home with us. The sermon this afternoon was upon the

character of Pilate, and his seeking to please Jesus. The sermon
this evening was upon a text for Devotion. If we do not
love to draw near to God in prayer, our hearts cannot
be right with him. The friends of God think of him
often, they pray often, they love in secret to receive
his mercies, to confess their sins, and think of the
glorious hopes which are opened to us in the gospel
they love often to unite with others in devotional
exercise, and to stir up each others minds by way
of remembrance. In attending to these evidences of a
devotional spirit, I could not fail to ascribe glory
to God that he had given me as I hope this temple.
If I do not love to pray, and think, and continue
for the and labour for in the kingdom of righteous-
ness, I know not what I love; I think I can truly
say it is my meat and drink to do the will of
God. and yet I am imperfect - Lord forgive my
short comings in duty. and give me more strength
and zeal in time to come. Williams school closed
today our family went to the examination, which was
very satisfactory, may he be guided in all future
duty. Lead us all in thy own way and bring us safe
home to heaven, thro' Christ our Lord amen -
Tuesday made a visit at Mr. Payson's - had much religious conversation

Dec. 22^d. I have been at home today - have tried to teach Francis and Benj.
have been reading in Mrs. Lyman's life. What will not faith do! It
certainly can remove mountains of sin in belief and sorrow. Lord
increase my faith. ~~Thursday~~ ^{Wednesday} our Daughters had company and
whom were some pious praying persons. So much my soul
seems knit with a strong affection. Friday Mrs. Hopkins and wife
made us a visit. He complained of having his mind occupied
with the world. Turn his heart to heavenly contemplation. Mrs.
H. and I had a precious reason alone after tea. How good is
the company of the saints. Christian communion is a fore-
taste of heaven. Tomorrow our son William is to begin his
school again, and Theodore expects to leave us to take a school
in Westhampton. Will thou O God who hast inclined him to
choose thy service, furnish him to the duties before him,
and prosper his efforts to do good to others and to make im-
provement himself. I would hope that my children as all
included in the covenant. they have been dedicated to thee
and my desires have been drawn forth for them, but that they
may be rich or great or even learned, but that they may
have the spirit of Christ, be guided by thy counsel and
afterward receive to glory. Two precious ones are I trust gone
to the great company, washed and made white in the blood of
the Lamb - they have passed the wellings of Jordan and their days
of mourning are ended. Let us who remain be steadfast ^{in the} faith

Jan. 20th Mr. Stearns preached in the morning upon making the truths
of God negatory by the traditions of men. This afternoon text was
in James 5th 16th The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man
avails much. Last Tuesday I went to N- in the morning with
the hope that I should have opportunity to stir up to the duty
of prayer some of my Unitarian sisters. But it was stormy
and I could not walk about; so I staid with Helen; tried
to have some religious conversation with Mrs. M- but did
not find her very free to converse; said something to Charles
respecting his new situation and duties, and the importance
of christians always acting for eternity. and exerting a
holy influence over all with whom they have intercourse.
Thursday we were invited to Mr. John Smith's. Had a
pleasant interview with a number of friends. Had a
few words with widow Oliver. Truly my delight is in
the excellent of the earth. Friday afternoon Charles & Helen
and little Fanny came over. Helen told me of the salutary
effect Mrs. James Smith has experienced from the death of
her child - I don't forget thy own work. Yesterday
B. M. and F- went to N- to do errands. Mr. Stearns
asked me to attend their sewing Society which meets at
their house Wednesday, wished to have B. and M- &
My H- also go. - If Providence permit us to go, I hope

some good may result. I want to to advance the cause
of Peace by making Mr. Stearns a life member of that
society - heavenly Father help me to set forward this
object, if it be thy will. and also try if there can be
a maternal association formed. If I go, I pray that
the opportunity may not pass unimproved. Sent a
request this afternoon by Helen to her mother, that
she would spend a little time tomorrow evening in
prayer that slavery may be abolished from our be-
loved country. The last Monday evening in every
month is agreed upon as a season of prayer espe-
cially for this object - This morning I rose before four
had an hour of precious thoughts and desires. Lord
forgive strengthen and bless us all thro' Jesus Christ, amen.
Jan. 5th - 1834. We have kept the threshold of a new year. The past is gone
and bears its record testimony to our unfaithfulness or our fidel-
ity. It has brought to us mercies more than we can reckon up.
Life continued, health also continued and restored. Death has
not been suffered to enter our dwelling neither has gloom
and sorrow and disease invaded our dwelling, comfort.
What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits.
On New years day Mary and I went to the Society in N.
had a pleasant conversation with Mrs. L.'s mother, proposed

a meeting of women for prayer, she seemed to be in favour
of it. But today Helen told me she had seen her since
and she and her daughter thought there was much difference
of opinion among the women, that ~~they~~ ^{they} could not be
accomplished. - At there is a specimen of Unitarian zeal
love to God and delight in communion with him, & an
on human stupidity! was it there with the primitive
Christians? - Our minister lamented over the indifference
of his people today - but without more life and effort
among Christians it must be long before the selfish &
worldly will awake to call upon God. I am almost
tempted to shut my mouth, and leave them to their
own way, and never again attempt to collect a
few individuals among them to call on him, who alone
is strong to deliver. Yet I ^{will} pour out my soul in rest
I will plead as for the life of souls and the honour of thy
great name. O glorify thyself and glorify thy name and
thy truth. This is the second time I have proposed the
plan. I did ask for wisdom. I now ask for submission
and faith and patience and a hope which maketh not
ashamed. Text in the morning 12th Roman - as self know
- Edge not to think of himself more highly & - This afternoon
John. I heart with the words of him that said more new
was a blessing. I believe. Theophilus, led the

saying Charles being gone to Boston. How much have we
the comfort us in our Adversity - I may thank Father's God
for that God. Visited Martha Friday after our meeting
yesterday we expect to have two boys come here
to be instructed and board. I have sought Divine Direc-
tion. A merciful Father bless the undertaking; may it
be beneficial to them and not injurious to us. I give
wisdom and grace as we need. Be with us this year
and thro' life, and in death support us, and bring us
all together at length to serve thee in a pure and holy
state. Thos. came home Friday evening - is quite pleased
with his school. All their favours come from our bene-
dict blessing God. and to him be all the praise thro' Jesus
Christ our Lord amen. -

Jan 12th 1834 - Today is stormy. Mr. H. Theophilus Frederic the two
Finks and Francis, went over to N. Frederic and F. came
home at noon. I have read in a little book from the library
Sister's gift. Designed it for F. think it may be useful
to them read also in Saint's rest. Life of Mr. Graham.
taught Ben. He has become more ~~tractable~~ tractable of late. learns
his hymns quite readily. The two from N. are more decent
than we expected. But very backward in learning. May we,
be directed and assisted to guide them in the right way.

Made three visits last week. Mr. Hodges Eben. Thent. and Mr. Coolidge, also made preparation for entertaining the Association which is to meet here on Tuesday. Had a letter from Mr. Fisher Wednesday, saying they were all well. Last evening the question, whether it is proper to address ourselves to the Saviour in prayer was discussed. B- C- and myself thought it would not be wrong - Mr H- and W- took the other side. I have long been of the opinion that it is not wrong to address Jesus Christ in prayer, provided we regard him not as independent and self-existent, but as ~~being~~ in union with one whom God hath exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, the Captain of salvation, one who is Head over all things to the Church, and who ~~has~~ himself when just about to ascend to his Father in heaven, declared to his disciples as one of the last communications which he should ever make to ~~his~~ them in his bodily presence, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. & no! I live to come to him as a prevalent Intercessor, the mediator of the new covenant. But still I do want more light. I may the Spirit descend into my heart and instruct me in this important subject, and may we all be led in the way of life and peace, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord amen.

Jan. 19th Frederic and Francis stayed at home today, the rest of
us went to N. Mr. Thomas preached from Matthew in the
morning 24th - 44th. Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an
hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. This was
spoken of the destruction of Jerusalem. But to every indi-
vidual, the manner in which the Son of man cometh,
is by Death. We have no security for a day nor an hour,
and the first consciousness after Death is, that we are
in a state of retribution. There will be a great dis-
tinction between those who have been obedient to the
commands and instructions of Christ and those who
have been ungrateful of them. Could we be assured
that at the end of a month, our mortal lives would be
closed, would not many be led to an entire change of
their habits and conduct? I hope there are some whose
lamps are trimmed and burning, and who are in hes-
itant preparation for their departure. But are there not
some who would begin to pray, who has never prayed
before, and with what fervent importunity would they
seek the forgiveness of their sins. Some from being
unkind and harsh to their friends would become mild &
affectionate, some who had been dishonest would become just
and upright. Some who had always neglected their out-

to God in their families, would begin to instruct their children
and households in the things pertaining to the kingdom of Christ.
One who had never come to the Lord's table, would embrace the
first opportunity to honour Christ before men. Those who had been
devoted to pleasure and vanity, would become earnest in
their efforts to obtain the favour of God. And why is it,
that knowing as we do that we must die, we are so
little concerned to ascertain what our condition will
be in the future world. This afternoon the text was in
1st Thessalonians 5th 11th ^{copy} ~~copy~~ one another, in the power
of example. O How good is the God whom I serve,
how much better to me than my fears. The last week
was a constant succession of labour, and care, and
uninterrupted occupation. I had hardly time for the morn-
ing and evening secret devotion. My heart panted
for communion with God, for those close and intimate
breathings of the soul which require retirement;
and I feared that when the sabbath came, the body wear-
ied with exertion, last evening, would be a log to the
Spirit, and I should be deprived of those spiritual
enjoyments, which I prize, a far above my necessary
food. But praised be God, it was far otherwise -
I awoke with the spirit breathing upon my heart, and
the same spirit accompanied ^{me} to the house of God; and

made me to rejoice in his temple. To this covenant
keeping God I once more dedicate myself with all that
I am and have, praying that I and mine and all who
reside here may abide and act here, that we may be
found ready for the coming of the son of man. -

Jan. 26th 1834 - A stormy sabbath morning, but we all went over
excepting Andrew John, E. a and B. n. Mr. Stearns preaching
in the morning from 1st John, 4th, 25th If a man love not
his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom
he hath not seen. Love is the fulfilling of the law. I was
saying to Mary this morning that just so far as we
were in the exercise of love to God and man, just
so far we are happy. may this temper be more and
more exhibited by me, and may I endeavor to inculcate
it upon all under my influence there are now in our
family five persons under the age of fifteen all boys.
some of them far from being under the dominion of
this principle of benevolence. I seek thy guidance O
Father of mercy to enable me to use all those means
with them, which may be instrumental in bringing
them to repentance and holiness. This afternoon the
text was in Matthew - repent for the kingdom of heaven is
at hand. Bethia came home with us. This evening we

had a sermon read from this text, and every one who hath
this hope in him purifies himself even as Christ the
Lord is pure. Had a letter from our dear Theodore yester-
day - and one last evening from cousin Caroline. How
many are tho blessing, I enjoy. A God of mercy help me
to live more answerable to my obligations, and may
this week witness more self denial, more meekness, more
zeal, more of the Spirit of Christ - A bless us all thro
him who is our intercessor with the Father.

Feb. 2. The Lord's supper has been celebrated to day, and we and our
children have been permitted to partake of it. Thanks to God
for this blessing. Only one is left behind. For this one my
earnest prayers ascend night and day as for all the others.
I draw him unto thee I beseech thee, and incline him to
dedicate to thee all that he is has or ever shall be.
The two lad we have taken into the family may be a
snare to him. Pray for them and let his influence
over them be truly salutary. The text was in Matthew
26th 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which
is shed for many for the remission of sins. This after-
noon Woman what have I to do with thee, mine hour is
not yet come. The observations before communion were very
good suited to humble and purify. I have endeavoured to break
off some of my faults. O help me to be as thou Jesus Christ art.

Feb 5th 1834 This blessed sabbath I have again attended meeting with
my dear family. excepting Throckmores; our minister preached
in the morning from Matt. 18th 1st verse. This afternoon ex-
plained other parts of the chapter; both sermons were on the
Duty of humility - and the forgiveness of injuries. Went
to Helen's at noon, had some interesting conversation with
Mrs. Still and our children on the subject of discourses
on the cause of peace and anti-slavery. I cannot render
the gratitude which I owe to the Spirit of all good, for
the enjoyment I derive from the truths of the gospel, the
institution of public worship and also that which is
private and secret. During the last week I have been
cast down, discouraged, oppressed with a body of sin
groaning under its load, and brought into bondage thro'
a sense of its power. I have been ready to cry out woe is
me I am undone; I shall surely perish one day by
the hand of my enemy. But the Lord in his mercy
chases away the darkness, sheds abroad his love, and light
breaks thro' the gloom. Called on aunt Warner last
Thursday - hope to see her often and hold out to her the
blessed promises of the gospel - Mrs H. came Friday and
staid till Saturday. I sent a letter to Elizabeth - May this
new year in which I have entered be better improved than any of
my last years -

Feb. 10th I have spent this day at home, having in charge Francis & Ben. Harney also; had no outtakings; in the morning read a member of the Calumet. This afternoon read in Adam Clarke's commentary, also in Baxter's saints rest. This last is a library I always feel invigorated and cheered by reading it. Last week Tuesday Mr. With Helen William and little Fanny made us a visit.

Edwin Clarke of Oswego William and Edward came over Thursday evening and spent the night with us. Wrote to Caroline Phelps and Miss Vander Kerk. Last evening I began a letter to Charles. I feel pained in spirit when I think of his neglect of duty. A year ago I had hopes that he would maintain family worship. I do fear for him. A God my help and hope is in thee. So thou. A God for thy name's sake work in all my children the whole good pleasure of thy goodness and the works of faith with power. I intend to write to Charles, for the worth of fifty cents in copies of the Calumet, for Nov. and Dec. 1834. What is money good for but to spread the kingdom of Christ. I have been disappointed with regard to the price of our boarders. I had hoped and expected for me and the girls, half of the income. but I pray for cheerful subsists. My Father knows why I want mercy. To his will may I bow without murmuring.

Feb. 23^d. We have all been at home today in account of the weather
and the travelling. I have been writing a letter to Charles;
my prayers attend it that it may do good and not injury.
Have enjoyed quite comfort, what a blessing is trust
in God - but O I have enough of trouble in my own wicked
heart, to prevent me from ever wishing to take up my rest
here, & it is a relief to look forward to a state of purity -
where sin can never enter, where this body of sin and
death shall be exchanged for the white robe of the righteous-
ness of the saints - they shall be "arrayed in fine linen
clean and white." The Captain of our salvation will
lead his followers safe thro' the Jordan of Death, and
in the mansions which he has prepared for them will
forever secure them, from the intrusion of those enemies
which here disturb and vex them. Friday Thos Philips
went to see Theodore. ~~He had~~ a letter from him the same
day. Monday Frederic and I went to N. brought letters
from George. same evening Edward and Mr Lathrop came
over and spent the evening - Mr L. seemed pleased with
the Pear Pictures I have sent him some more of the
Valerius.

March 2^d All at home again in the morning, this afternoon Mr H. has gone
to hear Mr Payson - I have been reading in the young christian

and in Clarke's Commentary - also teaching French. Last week Thursday
we had friends, to visit us. Ed. Bates, Mr and Mrs. Hitchcock, his
mother, ^{and brother John} and Mrs. Ward, also father and his wife. Friday
Mr. Baker and wife, Drankha and spent the evening with us.
Had another letter yesterday from Mrs. Fisher, Monday morning.
Mr. F. Prained to God for his goodness to us all, for the health
and ease we enjoy, for the supplies of his common bounty
~~and also~~ for the means of intellectual enjoyment, and
improvement, but above all for the hope of a better life.
and that so many of my dear family enjoy this hope.

Wednesday our dear Theodora returned from his school, in
health and comfort - How laden with treasures, are the days
and hours as they pass! - and what return of gratitude God
makes! methinks I am burning up and life spiritually minded.
Perhaps my health has been too firm - little troubles afflict me
more than they ought. I ought not to say troubles, I would rather
say incidents - for while we can eat and sleep and labour
comfortably, we should not speak of trouble. I must endeavor
to detach my thoughts more from earth, and its scenes. Have my
amusement in heaven, my thoughts and desires there, lay up my
treasures there, by employing my time talents and substance
in promoting the kingdom of righteousness and peace and holiness
on earth. - ^{Lord} say kingdom come. O Father thy will be done on earth as in heaven.

March 10th 1834 - Monday - Yesterday Frederic and I went to Am. heard Mr. Thorne in the morning, from John 15th chapter, of the vine. He was so long time with you, and yet he is there not knowing me Philip. - Showing that the doctrine of the Trinity cannot be drawn from that passage. In the afternoon, on using the word as not abusing it - When we enjoy all the gifts of God's Providence without gratitude, or when we indulge to excess, either in eating or drinking, when we withhold from the poor the assistance which their circumstances require. in all these ways we may abuse ~~our~~ the word - in order then to use the word as not abusing it, we must employ all our advantages and comforts, so as most effectually to promote the kingdom of righteousness and peace and holiness in the world. - Saturday, I formed the resolution to do all in my power to have these two boys who have been here two or three months removed. I foresee that if they continue here there is great danger, - that they will be a serious injury to Frederic; they must necessarily be together nearly all the time, and their former habits have been such as I should regret extremely to have him imitate. Besides it will not be long that Frederic remain at home, and I am peculiarly solicitous that every facility may be afforded him for becoming thoroughly fortified to meet the temptations and trials with which he may be assailed.

My Father knows that it is not labour from which I shrink
nor a selfish ease and exemption from care that I seek
but if I know my own heart, it is a desire to possess
uninterrupted, this precious jewel which has been placed
in our hands - And this last treasure I would not willingly
reign for a few Dollars and cents. If my heart does not
desire me there is no sacrifice of a worldly nation that
I would not cheerfully make, rather than jeopardise
the immortal soul. - These boys can be placed where
they may be properly trained, they ought to be educated
and placed where under steady Christian men, who will
be with them constantly and watch for their souls as
we who must give an account. - I pray that they may
be thus provided for. - But I am quite convinced that
is not the place for them. If any man provide not for his
own especially for those of his own house both his own and
the immortal spirits committed to him, he hath denied
the faith and is worse than an infidel -

March 15th - Mr. Thomas preached from a passage in John. Thenceforth
ye shall ask me nothing, whatsoever ye shall ask in my name.
He maintained that it is wrong to pray to Christ - and
yet he allowed that Stephen prayed to him, and Paul

in one or two instances. This they did however not with the
idea that he was the infinite God - but spoke to him as
a beloved friend whom they had before seen. The Jews had
no idea of a Triune God, and if such a doctrine had been
introduced by our Saviour, it must have been done
explicitly, and repeated by, and without doubt the Jews
would have made it the ground of their accusation
against him. This afternoon the text was the inquiry
of the young man what shall I do that I may inherit
eternal life. This is a question of the utmost interest
to all. There are four considerations which show ~~the~~
importance of the belief of the existence of God. 1st
the belief of a future state. 2nd a Moral government
and 3rd the claims of the Christianity. - Charles got
home last night in health - & that he might commence
a life of entire & devotedness to religion. Thursday B.
and M. - and little I went to Martha's, where they were
giving Mr S. Dickinson came here to talk upon the
subject of religion. seems to be a devoted Christian and
withal not blighted. I said I went into town yesterday
I called at Martha's Dock, Brown's, agent Warrens found
her as usual tho' failing. Mr Warren, seems to have his
heart opened to charity. Praise be God for all that he has
done and is doing - but our hearts become and over filled with

March 3^d Mother, but this morning was in John 5th 24th. This afternoon
the three following, "Occupy till I come, Do good to all men as ye
have opportunity especially to them who are of the household
of faith, and sell whatsoever thou has and give to the
poor." - The sermon was upon the various ways of doing
good. We are not to be contented with enjoying the
bounties of Providence, we must find out the duties
which spring from our various relations and circum-
stances and fulfill them all as enjoined by our
heavenly Father, and because thus enjoined - we must
have religion live religion and then we shall be ready
on all occasions to rebuke vice, recommend virtue
and promote the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ. A merciful Father thou knowest how ardently
I have supplicated thy blessing on the labours of our
ministers - I beg of thee to bless the word dispensed to-
day and let some good fruit be visible. - Truly the
preaching touched my heart, blessed be God for the
witness which I have that thou dost dwell with us.
I leave us not nor forsake comfort the truth in
my children are any of them neglecting duty. Let thy
word be as the fire and hammer, to fashion them into
thy own image.

the 30th Mr. Fossenden preached in the morning from Acts 9th, 18th
and whom he will be hereafter. Men are so constituted by their
natures that by indulging themselves in vicious habits, they
become hardened. This afternoon Delmar visited. He is the most
amazingly beautiful in his time &c. - This evening our
good wife left God appears so manifest in his works that
every heart ought to be filled with admiration and
gratitude. We found Charles sick in bed, had a most
disturbed night, violent pain in his bowels - had the
Physician twice in the night, after bleeding grew easier.
what the event will be we cannot tell, but as I have
ever said for my children so I say now, deny them
what thou wilt O my Father, but do not withhold
thy purifying sanctifying graces - in all the suffer-
ings thou hast fit to lay upon them, with thou
manifest thy love to their souls, and may they choose
rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than
enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. my next year
lost him, a blasphemous spirit takes of the things of Christ
and show them to him, and to his wife also, and
nourish them and their little one among the redeemed
in Judah. If consistent with they will be pleased to
raise him up that he may testify to thy faithful love and

and show forth thy praise in the land of the living, but
above all let him not die without the cheering hope
of thy forgiving love. A Lord hear answer: and bless us for ever.

April 5th I have again had the privilege of coming to the table of our
Lord and Master to commemorate his dying love. And a precious
season it has been. Thanks to God that our children were all present,
except E— and all partakers receiving F—. For him a what
longings do I experience! How does my heart pour forth its strong
desires into the bosom of my Heavenly Father and Helper!—
And with Jacob of old I often repeat, "I will not let thee go
except thou bless him". This is the only point on which
I cannot yield submission— I think I can give up any
earthly good, or submit to any worldly evil. — But to
think of being forever an enemy of God, or of having my
children such— this is what I cannot endure. And I must
still say Lord save us. The influences to which F— is exposed are
are far from being salutary. My prayer is, that they may
be removed. Yet I would try to be resigned. O God avert the
evil which I fear. The religious exercises of public worship
were all of a high order, and the sermons doubly interesting.
How I wish I could recall every word and practice every duty.
But Praise be God for the comfort, surely I have felt this
blessing this day upon my heart. For this and the multitude
favours of life may I render the tribute of sincere devotion

gratitude and love.

The text this morning was in James. 1st 22^d. But be ye doers
of the word and not hearers, only deceiving yourselves. There
is a vast discrepancy between christianity and the practice
of christians. In all the duties of every day we should
compare our conduct with the requirements of the gospel.
There is a shameful deficiency in nominal christians
as well as professors. This afternoon John 15th 11th. These
things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might
remain in you, and that your joy might be full. -
What could afford joy to our blessed Saviour, having in
full prospect before him the sufferings which he was about
to undergo? The consciousness of having done the will
of his Father and finished his work. This work was the
most benevolent, that we can conceive. Therefore benevo-
lence or kindness or doing good, giving up our selfish
feelings and promoting the happiness of others is the
duty of all christians. For if we have not the spirit
of Christ we are none of his. and if we are not his
we cannot be partakers of his joy here nor the consciousness
of pleasing God, in a course of temptation and discipline
neither can we have the hope of a fulness of joy when
this state of trial is over, in the life to come. - And bless
wired to the good of all -

April 13th 1834. We have again been permitted to hear the gospel joyful news
from our beloved Pastor. In the morning his text was in Matthew 5th Chapter
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. - In the afternoon
with chapter of Micah. What doth the Lord thy God require of
thee but to do justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with thy
God. He took occasion to remark particularly upon doing justice
to our fellowmen not merely in our dealings with them, but in
our observations concerning them - there are two classes of persons
whose reputation we are in danger of injuring, those who
have injured us, and those, whose opinions on exciting subjects
are different from our own. We should guard carefully against
this sin. The use of epithets in conversation, has a very bad
tendency. We know not how extensive may be the evil which
is thus committed. How far short do we all come of that
justice and charity which the gospel requires. - We lose sight
of all that is good in the character of one who differs from us
in religion or politics. Lord bless the word to every soul, and let
not thy servant have to complain that he labours in vain.
Hear me O God God and prove my ways try me and know
my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me, and
had me and all mine in the way everlasting. Had we not
read since supper on these words by Doct. Paley - But now in the
end of the world hath he appeared to take away sin - there
is an efficacy in the death of Christ, which is imputed to no other being of whom we
have any knowledge.

April 20th 1834 attended public worship at Everett with Mr. H. heard Mr Colman
preach in the morning from Exodus XIth 9th - 9 as I am God and not man.
This afternoon galatians VIth 7th For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also
reap. This is one of the most solemn and important truths which
was uttered by man. And a most solemn discourse was delivered
may God set it home by his Spirit to the hearts of all who heard it.
I went to the public assembly with a heavy heart, and a diseased
body - The last time I worshipped in that place, our dear Whiting
was with us, and this thro't my very soul. The tears gushed
forth as I recalled his loved form and character. I hope it was not
sinful. Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus. O that I had more of the
spirit of our blessed Lord. I would express my gratitude for the disposi-
tion which I have this day had to attend to present duty.
and tho' afflicted and debilitated, yet the adversary had not
power to lead my thoughts off from the subject before me, thru
to God. For as for days my health has not been quite good.
tho' have been my meat, and a diseased body has disordered
the mental vision - O cast me not away from thy presence and
take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Friday Mr. H. and I went to
Charles; and made a visit. This case lies with weight upon my
mind. O pity and help. Follow with thy blessing all the means of
religious improvement which have been enjoined every where, and
may this kingdom come and will be done in earth as 'tis in
heaven - be with us all this week, thro' life in death, and eternity, for
thy sake amen.

April 27th Thedore Mary Frederic Francis and myself went to N-
heard Mr Harding - in the morning from Luke 13th are there
few that be saved, and strive to enter in &c - This afternoon
up by the mint and see &c - and pass over judgment and the
love of God &c - Last Monday called on Mrs. Hopkins, had
a precious season unfolding upon the things of the beyond
have had a comfortable state of mind this week past -
generally - William came home Saturday from Worcester
Friday left Dudley comfortably - but was pained to find
John Britt in prison, went to see him gave him advice
and some tracts; I have been much affected with his case
& God of the spirits of all flesh give him repentance and
pardon, for Christ's sake -

May 4th All of us went to N- excepting Thedore Frederic, and Elvira - Mr.
Hear preached in the morning upon the Comforter, He thinks the
Holy Spirit is not a distinct person, but the Spirit of God or the
Spirit of Christ - This afternoon the text was in Psalms - The Lord
knoweth the thoughts of men, that they are vanity. The web of un-
trained imagination, among other causes is the reading of stories,
an authentic narration of a good man's life finds few readers, and
those who are fond of fiction, see nothing in the history of
our Saviour to attract their attention There is more solid
instruction in the life of Obadiah, than in hundreds of volumes
of common novels - I was deeply affected during the last prayer

with a sense of the apparent indifference which prevails - none
seem to enquire where is God my Father, who giveth songs in the night?
My desires did rise to the Father of mercies, that a blessing might
accompany the preached word - Last Thursday I went to H. in the
morning, call'd at Mr. Dwight's - had a very refreshing interview with
her - went to Mr. Hopkins's soap her and her sister left Mr. of
the behemoth for Dr. Penney with a charge of secrecy. Dined
at Charles's, Edward returned after dinner, in safety from New York.
The Lord preserveth us in our going out and coming in. Call'd
on Mr. Judge by man, proposed making Mr. Stearns a life member
of the P. S. She was favourably disposed - It is the Lord's doing, may
he bless all efforts to promote this heavenly object. Call'd also at
Doct. Thurtell - saw him and his wife, left with their counsels and ben-
edictions, and made some observation which may God make
profitable to their souls - Hope the day was not wholly ineffectual -
Have been indulged again with a calm frame of mind thro' the
week - especially to day, enjoy'd I think the witness of the
Spirit - O what a delight does it afford, to endeavour to pro-
mote religion. - The thirst waiteth, shall be water'd also him of -
The consciousness of hungering and thirsting for righteousness is
a source of solid enjoyment - O how increase our faith
our zeal and fidelity in thy service, and O when flesh and heat
put us to prove the strength of our heart and our patience grows weary

May 11th 1834 - This morning heard Mr. Hens preach, from this sword
I have set the Lord always before me. There are a variety
of motives which operate upon our minds, and many
combine sometimes to induce us to follow a certain course
but the highest and noblest of all, is a regard to the
will and authority of God. Happy is that man, who
when taking a retrospective view of life, can say with
truth I have set the Lord always before me. If we have
endeavored to live as in his presence, we may hope
to rejoice in view of that change, which will introduce
us into the near and intimate communion of his presence.
Last Thursday Charles and Helen and little F - came to see
us before dinner - in the evening William delivered
an address in N. on Antislavery - Today Doct. Pattee,
and wife drank tea with us. Mr. H. and Theophilus
went to Windsor and returned Saturday night. Prostrate
by a kind Providence we go out and come in in safety
to God by the praise - This afternoon Mr. Pattee's
husband from these words but she that liveth in pharisee
is dead while she liveth. The indulgence of any known sin, is inconsistent
with spiritual life.

May 18th Lord's Day - The girls gone to N. - Two little boys at home with
me, Mr. H. gone to Berardston, F and J. at Upper Mills in the
morning F and J at Gladby afternoon. The violent tempers of B.
and F. are a source of much anxiety and perplexity. - what
will be the future condition of such spirits - I would earnestly

entrust of God the operation of his spirit, to transform them into
his own image -- with God all things are possible.

May 25th I have been to hear my dear minister again, in compa-
ny with Mr. H. B. J. and Frederic, and Elizabeth Fisher, also
J. and J. in the choir. had a discourse on a future state
of retribution. I stayed at church at noon, read in Saint
rest and Mr. Dowd's journal. from which I made this
resolution to read in and take the journal, and endeavour
to lend as helping hand to the work. Last evening Mrs.
Fisher came with her two children and a waiting maid.
Sarah also came home with her. I have of late felt more
the importance of saving in every possible way, that
I may have somewhat to help forward the efforts which
are made, to destroy the kingdom of Satan and build
up the kingdom of Christ among men. Soon my season
on earth will be closed. and I shall have no more time
to work. A fire the zeal of an angel, to do the will of
God - if I long for any thing, it is that I may be more
active in giving Christ. - Show me I pray Father what
I can do to help forward the kingdom of the Redeemer
and in thy unhappier brother all the public efforts
which thou hast inclined me to make this year
Christ our Lord and Saviour Amen. May the visit of our
daughters be improving to us all.

June 1st 1834. The love of Christ was common amongst us, and all of our family were, excepting Bethia, and William who went to South Hadley, to deliver an address, in favour of improving the condition of the blacks. The text this morning was in Corinthians - For ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price. therefore glorify God in your body &c. This afternoon was in Samuel - the anointing of David - "The Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." In the estimation of mankind talents, learning, riches, splendour, are of great importance, but in the eyes of infinite purity, nothing but ~~riches~~ ^{righteousness} goodness is of any value. To the upright, the thought ^{that} God is always present, is a constant source of comfort. That he commends with our spirits, and sees and approves of our desires and schemes to do good, is cheering to the soul that loves him. - It is joyful to follow the humble retiring unnoticed Christian into the unseen state, and hear the approving sentence, It is joyful also to believe that those in places of distinction, may so preserve themselves from the snares and pollutions of the world as to receive the crown of life. Last Wednesday Mrs. F. and B. went to N. - stayed two nights. Forgive O my Father the sins of this day and ever whole lives, and prepare us to serve thee better in time to come -

Father of our spirits, grant us the quickening influences of thy grace that this season, so wonderful to us in years that are gone, may not pass unimproved. May the recollections which bring back to our minds our dear departed friends, exert an elevating hallowing influence over all our conduct. By the virtues which they exhibited in their lives, and the faith which supported and cheered them in death, may we be animated to greater efforts in thy service, and encouraged to apply more constantly and earnestly to the same overflowing fountain of mercy and love, believing assuredly that he who spared not his own son but delivered him up for us all, will with him also freely give us all things. God assist us frequently to cast a ^{wistful} eye to those regions of purity and peace, whither Jesus has gone to prepare a place for his followers, resting upon his promise that because he lives we shall live also and that all those who sleep in Jesus will be living with him.

Sumner

June 8th This morning T. & F. and H. stand at home with me and Ben-
also Margaret, and George. This afternoon F. and T. gone to meeting H. too.
Mr H. and Mrs F. and her children gone to hear Doct. Brown. In the
morning I awoke very early at Day light. rose a little after four-
offered fervent petitions for the enlargement of Christ's kingdom &
the salvation of sinners. Ailing to a cold which I have had two or
three days, felt very weak in mind, depressed and gloomy. After
the family had gone to church, lay down and slept a few minutes
which strengthened me. How kindly does our Maker restore our
wasted powers, and invigorate these frail tabernacles! To his glory
I do most solemnly dedicate all that remains of my earthly
existence. If I cannot serve my heavenly Father, there is no com-
fort for me. I desire nothing so much as his approbation, no
delight can equal that which springs from a sense of acceptance
with him, and of being employed in his blessed service. This
is what I seek with intense desire. O when shall I be com-
pletely transformed into the likeness of Jesus! Last Wednesday
Evelyn came over with Fanny and staid till yesterday
when Charles came and carried her home. I had hoped to have
more serious conversation while we were together - but mak-
-ing and altering dresses seems to be the great theme of con-
-versation and and the business of life. O how pitiful, that
immortal beings just about to enter into eternity, should
here for a short season to form character, which shall

qualify us to become members of the holy community of heaven
should waste in the decoration of the body, the precious garment
given to adorn the undying soul. O God, make me more
faithful this week, and let me not be an idle spectator any
longer of the follies which I witness. - How surely does the love
of the world and its vanities, dim our sight of spiritual objects
and send away this interfering veil - Almighty Father, pity thy
weak erring children - We talk of being weaned from the world,
of walking by faith, of following Christ. is it not almost a
mockery to speak of these duties? when our practice is so
little regulated by them? -

June 15th Thaddeus good Mr Thomas this morning from Micah 2^d chapter, 10th ver.
Arise and depart, for this is not your rest. The truths expressed in this ver.
3rd were exactly in accordance with my feelings and experience. There
is nothing on earth that can satisfy the soul, even if very worldly
good should be indulged. But our very enjoyments, are occasions
of sorrow. our affections and social relations, from whence we derive
our best worldly comfort, are also the sources of our keenest sorrows.
The sickness and death of our friends, but above all the sins and
failings of our friends occasion the most piercing grief - but
blessed be God there is a rest for the people of God - when their
sins cease from troubling. In that pure and holy society, the heart
will not be pained with witnessing the sins and abominations
which vex the righteous, and which they cannot prevent.

purity of heart and action, will constitute the chief felicity of heaven.
I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy Ebenezer. -- ~~at~~ This afternoon
the text was in Proverbs. Ponder the path of thy feet -- ^{re-4th} 25th 26th
on Rightitude -- Mrs Fisher, left us for Franklin, last Tuesday. Little
Fanny has been sick with a cold ever since she went home.
A frail flower. lovely as the blossoms of spring. & that God would
incline her Father to exercise that faith and obedience which
shall make him do the Duties of a Father with fidelity -- Last
Friday Doct. and Mrs. Brown drank tea here, in a friendly way.
in the evening we heard William deliver a lecture on the
wile of slavery and its remedy -- I thank God that he is
inclined to espouse the cause of the oppressed, give relief,
& those who hasten the hosts of all in thine hand, and may
great good result from these efforts. Take us all by the hand O
Father of mercies, help us to persevere faithfully in this life,
lead us kindly thro' the dark valley and receive us all to thy
self at length, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour amen --

June 22^d Mrs. Fisher and Francis went with me to V. heard Mr. Swett in the
morning pour the prophet Joel, Your old men shall shall dream
dreams and see a vision which contained very little to instruct
and convert sinners. I loved forgive the misimprovement of this
day -- at noon had some conversations on abolition of slavery --
heard some things from Charles, which gave me pain, and as
they indicate a wrong state of feeling -- he said he could do

nothing to help the slaves - I told him he could pray for them and
every Christian ought to do it, and if every Christian in New England
would pray earnestly perseveringly for their emancipation, no doubt
it would be effected. - A God of the spirits of all flesh - his heart is
at thy disposal, I continue my cries unto thee in his behalf -
meet him I beseech thee, in cordial submission to thee and delight
in thy will. Dear little Fanny looks quite reduced, but seems
cheerful and comfortable today - Infinite wisdom will order all
things well. only give us the temper of children, the humble
meek and heavenly disposition which reigns among the glorified
inhabitants of the world of light. And I desire to ask for nothing
more. Frederic walk'd over, at noon and ~~walked~~^{rode} home with me.
On the way I endeavored to recommend and enlarge upon
the duty of prayer, and the duties of the sabbath. - Let not
the efforts which I have made to do good be wholly without effect.
I have been rejoiced within a few days by a donation from W.P.
and T.G. of five Doll. to the Peace Society. Blessed be God who
has inclined them to devote a tenth of their income to charitable
or benevolent purposes. Surely that Great and Good Being who
has thus despoiled their minds, will accept the offering
which has been made, and employ it for his own glory. I have
also sent to Mr. Grinnel, one member of the balconet, with
a few lines requesting his cooperation and influence in this
blessed work, a work which occupies the attention and employs

the energies of a multitude of the heavenly host, while they sang
glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.
I would with my whole soul, ~~who~~, were ~~thall~~ ^{there}. In this
dark bewildered state amid sorrows doubts and fears - how little
do we see the cause we love; but let us not despair.
when their bodies rest in the grave, when their spirits, soar
away to the regions of light and purity and love, then
shall we offer a service more worthy of Divine acceptance
no shadow shall come between our souls and our God. no sin
pollute, no fear disturb - And Jesus hold them up - and bring us to
our Father's house in Peace. -

June 29th We have been at home many of us to day; I have read in the
mother's magazine, Gay's evening exercises, attended to Ben, and
other duties of the sabbath. Gave Margaret a bible, with direc-
-tions how to read it. yesterday we went to Mr Whitmarsh's
by invitation, also brother's family, and Charles and Helen.
Had a few precious words with Mrs. Snowden, also with Caro-
line. Had some good music on the organ, and accompanied with
voices. Saw many elegant and curious things, but could not
help thinking that plain accommodations, would afford just
as much comfort, and thus much expense might be saved
which applied to charitable purposes, might enlighten the
ignorant, relieve the suffering, and save the guilty. - That
God would teach me what I ought to do, that wisdom might

be furnished me, so that I may never depend upon my
own comfort, that property which he has ~~put~~ ^{given} into my hands
to use in his service. I would again thank the Father
of mercies that our sons J. P. and J. G. have been enabled
to make a donation of eight dollars, to the bible society.
having begun to devote a tenth to the Lord may they never
fail to carry into effect their good resolutions, and may
their prayers accompany all their efforts. I would now
endeavour to return to thee a small tribute of grate-
-tude for the enjoy^{ment} of domestic peace, that so much
harmony prevails in our family, for the health and strength
we enjoy, and for all that is lovely and virtuous in our
children. Increase and strengthen within us all that
is agreeable to thy will and make us more spirit-
ually minded and heavenly minded. Thursday May
and I walked down town called on aunt Warren Miss
Edwards and others. If I said any thing improper
Lord forgive for Jesus Christ's sake.

July 6th Mrs H at Vernon - Theophilus, Mrs Fisher, and I rode to N. Traders
walked with Edward who came over with William yesterday. I think I
felt some gratitude last evening for the unnumbered blessings
which surround me, but especially for the rectitude and purity
which adorn the lives of our children, and for that peace of mind
with which I am favoured. When shall I find words to express my

obligations to the divine goodness? For my self I have not a temporal
thing to ask - I have all and abound. all my desire is for ~~power~~
~~and~~ capacity to do thy will - I cannot doubt but the desire reigns
in my heart, and may I not hope that this desire will be granted?
We went to Charles's at noon, had some useful conversation made
some observations, on the efficacy of prayer, and the duty of
uniting our prayers with all our efforts to do good. Mr Sweet
preached two excellent sermons, one in the morning from
st John, ~~5th~~ ^{14th} - who is he that overcometh the world but he that
believeth that Jesus is the son of God. This afternoon
on the evidence in support of gospel truth - is the mission of Christ.
Recommended to Mr Samuel Clarke, to make his daughter a
present of the mother's magazine. - Coming home we rode
round by the graves of our children - looking at them
brought up some solemn reflections, and led to many serious
~~reflections~~ observations. - The anniversary of our dear Whiting's
death is near at hand, may it be properly observed -
and may I never cease day and night to thank thee
that I have such a blessed hope for him and his dear
sister - may their memory ever be precious and purifying
to my soul - help me to go forth to the duties of the
week clad with the whole armour of God. - and when
weeks and sabbaths shall cease with me on earth I take
me to the society of those who are redeemed by the blood of
Christ from every nation tongue and people.

July 13th 1834 - Mary and Frederic went over with me to N. n. heard Mr. Swett
preach this morning, from Genesis 4th 9th am I my brother's keeper? - On relative
duties, parents all allow are the keepers of their children, husbands of their
wives, but it is perhaps a new idea that children are their parents' keepers
to prove this he brought the example of Joseph, whose ~~supposed~~ death
had almost brought down his father's grey hairs with sorrow to the grave
even tho' virtuous and lovely - also the case of David, whose notwithstanding
his regal pomp and the elevation of his station was brought to
exclaim, would God I had died for thee O Abraham my son my son. -
these things show how tenderly parents feel for their children, and how
cruel are those children who plant daggers in their parents' hearts.
he spoke of the influence of sisters, females, and asked very improp-
riety whether they were as ready to resent the injury done to the
honour of God by profanity, or speaking lightly of religion, as they
were to great familiarity with themselves. Then he exhorted us
to extend our sympathies to all our brethren of the human family
and be careful that by our thoughts words or actions we should
promote holiness and goodness, that the question where is thy brother
might not bring upon us a punishment greater than we can bear.
This afternoon the text was Luke 12th 48 For unto whomsoever much
is given, of him shall be much required. He enumerated some of the
common blessings of which all partake, and went on to notice
particularly those cases of poverty and suffering where apparently
little had been bestowed - but it was shown, that much is very

when received and therefore much is required. God grant a blessing
to follow the efforts of his servants. I feel peculiarly desirous that this
young man, may become a serious godly faithful minister, and I
pour out my prayers to this end. Jesus our master has directed
us to pray the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labor-
ers into his harvest. There is a young man brought up in ease
wealth, and gay society. He has given himself to his God, with
to move him in the gospel ministry: I entreat thee O God that
thou wilt enrich him with all spiritual gifts - teach him the
necessity of self denial, humility, spirituality, entire devotedness
of heart and life to thee - and let not religion suffer in the house
of his friends - Had one of Paley's sermons read since Divine
services - on warnings. - Bethia has had the teeth ache several
days, today had it drawn. this is a warning. - The heat last
week was intense, many felt somewhat overcome. five horses
died in consequence of the heat. I would notice with gratitude
the good hand of our God which preserved our family amid the
heat and labors of the season. - Let our lives be more than
ever devoted to our Great Preserver. Thine Jesus Christ amen.
by 20th Most of our family have gone to worship at N. - Mr Fisher Theodore
and Francis went to the Mills. William Frederic and I stayed at home. Last
Tuesday Charles, Helen, Fanny, Mr Fisher, and Edward, went to Lebanon, where
yesterday, after a pleasant ride and visit. Found friends well excepting
brother Huntington, who seems to be failing with a disorder of the

heart. May God support and strengthen him, assist him to honour
the in life, death and eternity. Today Caroline Phelps makes
a visit. I hope the Divine Spirit enabled me to speak in power
in season. Yesterday I went to carry aunt Adams to bed. Yesterday
repeated many promises and encouraging words, but there is no
hope for her. God grant that when the clay tabernacle drops
into the grave the Spirit lives and we may see and find that
enjoyment which ours if sought in vain. I have been reading this day
in gain winning exercises Clarke's Commentary. But it is not a
bright day with me. I suppose our beloved Mr. Stearns is again with
his people. The Lord send a blessing to them all. I have thought of
making it a rule every morning before I enter upon any labour
to kneel down, in some secret place and pray for the enlarge-
ment of Christ's kingdom and the conversion of the world. I hope
God, that my first thoughts are usually with God in the morning
and frequently without much interruption thro' the day. There
are blessed days and nights, when the candle of the Lord shines
upon me; and all my desires are for more entire likeness
to him. For a year past our days and nights have been
peaceful, undisturbed by the groans of the sick and dying,
or the lamentations of the thicken and heaven. And for all these
benefits have we rendered a voice any way answerable.
Two years ago at this time our beloved Whiting was on his
sick bed, and as it proved his death bed. How calm how patient

how cheerful. Was it not the prelude to that unceasing joy
which ~~has~~ become perfect and entire? I would employ the powers
of recollection, to bring again those scenes of solemnity and suffer-
ing to mind, that I may renew the purposes of activity and zeal
in my master's service, which I then formed. Some of these purposes
~~now~~ have been fulfilled, and bread has been cast upon the waters
which I trust will be found, even if it be not till after many days
for "He that gets forth weeping, and bearing precious seed, shall doubtless
come again with rejoicing bearing his sheaves with him."
I do rejoice for the evidence which I have that ours is a house
of prayer, and that there is a church in this house. that
we are united in the bond of the gospel; and that when
a serious observation is made, it falls not to the ground,
but ~~meets~~ natures hearts that respond with lively emotions to
every devout and pious sentiment thus expressed. Enjoying
these privileges let us rise from all earthly cares, seek the
things which are above where God is and where Christ sitteth
at the right hand of God. where our Departed Parents and
children and brethren and sisters are seeing God without weariness
and without interruption. For these hopes and consolations, be
praise and honour and might and glory and majesty rendered
to him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb slain
and ever amen.

July 27th 1834- Tomorrow morning will complete two years since our dear
Whiting departed for heaven. at this time he was struggling in
the last conflict. But no sighing, no word of complaint escaped
his lips. The Father of his spirit, carried him there and
gave him the victory. And now is he not with his beloved
sister, and the thousands of thousands, before the throne of God
who minister to him and do his pleasure? In memory of
them both, we have had the piece read which he composed
on the anniversary of our dear Catherine's death, at our
sabbath evening worship. & that the recollection may be
useful to all present. Should we live to see the return
of her death day anniversary, I hope we may observe
it in some way to our benefit, and to the glory of
God. We have several of us been to N-m to worship; Mr.
Storrs preached on the duty of parents. God grant the
influence of his spirit to make it effectual. At noon
Bethia and I stayed at the church. I read in Saivins some
one upon the observance of small duties in religion.
it keeps the conscience tender. another upon conversation
let your conversation be always with grace seasoned
with salt- the salt of truth charity purity sincerity &c.
Idle words may be understood to mean wicked words.
Last Tuesday Mrs Fisher and her children left us, for Oswego-

August 3^d - We have all been to N. m. to attend worship and celebrate the death and sufferings of our Lord and master - thanks be to God that I am so often indulged the privilege of sitting at the table of our Saviour, with so many of the church.

Don't thou hast given us - one only of our number, refrains from an open
surrender of himself to God - this our youngest - he keeps back thinking him-
self too young. & he is not too young to be the Lord's, his sister much
younger than himself was old enough to die - A Almighty Father, somewhere
I beseech thee, to greater zeal and earnestness in the work of religion, bestow
upon him more of thy spirit, to teach him the beauty of holiness, and
the happiness of thy children - give him more of the spirit of prayer &
faith, and love, and hope, and thus make his soul a residence for thy
spirit. - I ask for all my children these same graces of thy spirit - that
according to their need they may receive of thy spirit, to sanctify and
bless them. Mr. Thomas preached in the morning from these words Psalm
139th 23^d Search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my
thoughts, in self examination - this afternoon, wilt ye not that I
must be about my Father's business. - Luke 2^d - - We have the most
animating motives to Diligence and Fidelity - & for more of the spirit of
him, whom at such a distance we are striving to follow. The last
week has been with me a season of stupidity instead of those cheer-
ing heavenly thoughts which have so much filled my mind for months
past, there seems to be a dimness and darkness, and the trifles of time
enter in and usurp the place sacred to the Holy Spirit. I have
been concerned at this, and have been trying to find out the cause.
I have brought the Lord to assist me in my search, and again to bestow
upon me the light of his countenance. This morning I rose at half
after four, before any other person, and retired for secret devotion
endeavouring to humble myself on account of this peculiar selfish-
feeling - and brought the throne blessing in the world the church min-
ters and people & - at the communion table had some little sense of dis-
tress, but not the clear manifestation of light and heaven. The last week
brought generally the resolution to pray fast in the morning for the con-
versions of the world - Lord help me hold me and all mine in thy hand.